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Plan has got pod-tential

BY SCOTT KIRK

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THE city could be heading towards a 'science fiction' future that will see driverless pods take to the streets.

About 100 pods are due to arrive in Milton Keynes next year and will have enough room for two passengers and luggage.

They will be powered by an electric motor in each wheel and will travel at up to 12mph with users hailing them using their smartphones or booking them at certain locations.

The pods will use high definition cameras and sensors to navigate around obstacles, including people, roadworks and buildings.

Customers will be charged £2 for each journey, which will link Central Milton Keynes train station to thecentre:mk and other offices.

The £65million scheme run by the UK Automotive Council will be tested on Milton Keynes redways next year.

Customers will be able to use the pods from 2017 if tests go to plan.

Geoff Snelson, director of strategy at Milton Keynes Council, said: "This isn't about a transport need we may necessarily have today.

"We're looking at the long term and we're looking to the future, when we will have more cars on the street.

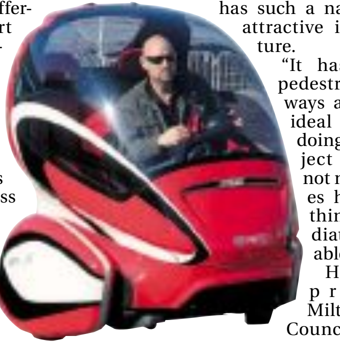
"We want to give people ways to find alternative transport which will offer them great convenience.

"I think the debate between buses and cars is a non-debate – we need a whole load of different methods of transport for the place to be competitive in the future.

"I think people can be proud of a place thinking ahead."

If the scheme is successful in Milton Keynes, further pods could be rolled out across Britain.

John Miles, chairman of the Automotive Council's working group, said MK was the perfect place to pilot the scheme.



He said: "Milton Keynes was chosen for the project because it has such a natural and attractive infrastructure.

"It has all the pedestrian walkways and it's an ideal place for doing this project because not many places have these things immediately available."

He also praised Milton Keynes Council for its enthusiasm and support for the scheme.

The technology inside the pods is similar to Google's self-driving car, which uses laser scanners, radar systems, cameras and a 'position estimator' on the front wheel in America.

Business Secretary Vince Cable said: "It is important that the UK continues to innovate and is at the cutting edge of new technologies.

"Driverless cars have the potential to generate the kind of high skilled jobs we want Britain to be famous for as well as cutting congestion, reducing pollution and improving road safety.

■ To find out other ways the city is looking to the future, see page 22.

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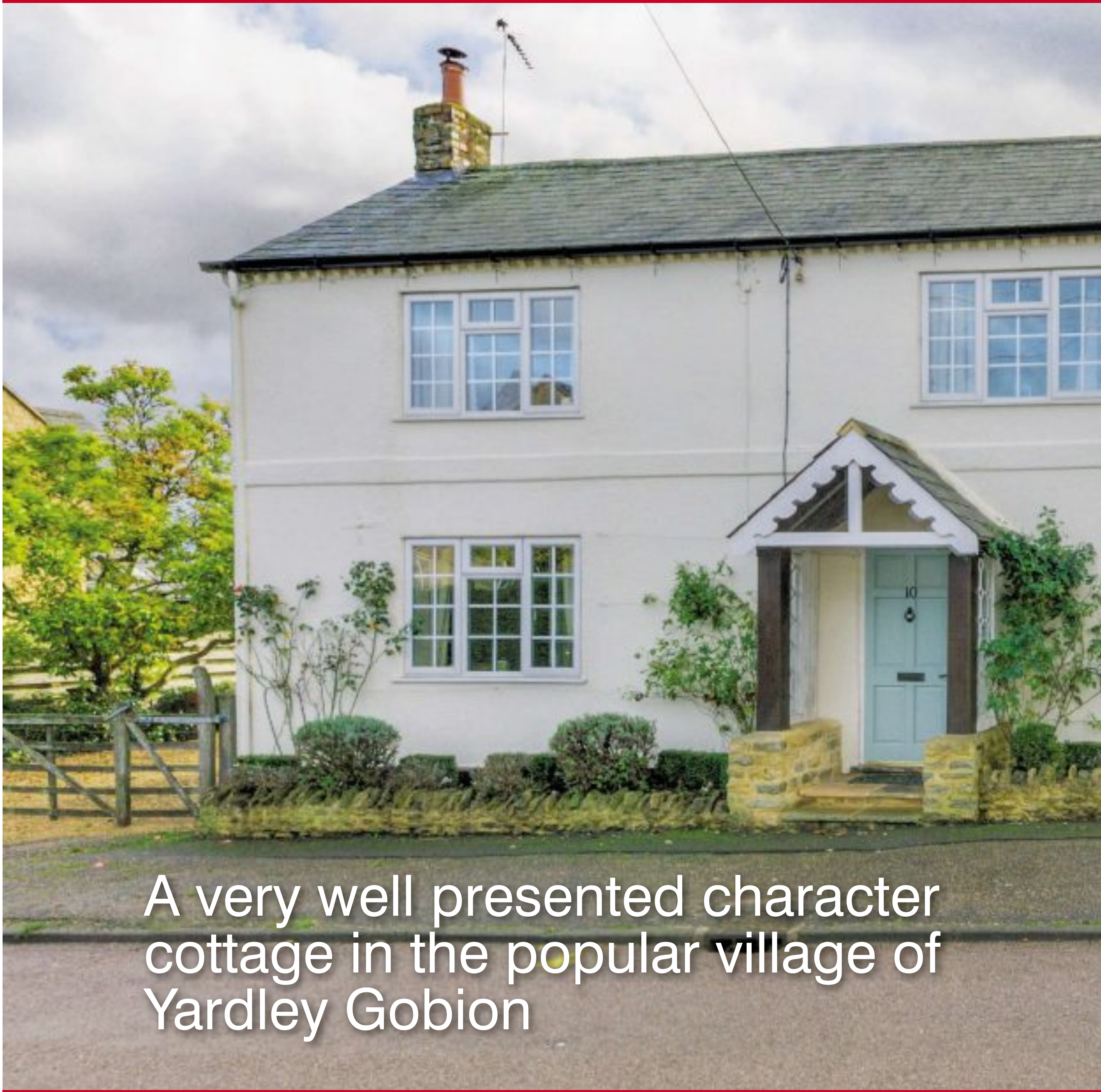
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Dan the music man

XENIA RIMMER
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CARE home residents and boom boxes are an unlikely combination.

But for some at Ashby House in Eaglestone, otherwise lonely days are being brightened to the tune of volunteer Danny Boone, *pictured above*, and his CD players.

After becoming a volunteer while visiting his late wife's residential home, Danny is now a familiar face.

"I enjoy getting to know people and having a chat with them – especially those who don't get many visitors," he said. While the carers do a great job for people affected by dementia, entertainment such as soaps and radio programmes can be difficult to follow."

That's where Danny's musical idea comes in. By talking to residents and their families, he is able to learn their musical tastes and create a playlist for them to enjoy.

"Most of those I've spoken to enjoy music from the 30s and 40s, so I download it and play it to them. It seems to soothe them and bring back good memories," added the 70-year-old. "Lots of people have old boom boxes lying around, collecting dust. This way, we can make use of them for the better."

A study by Age UK found the auditory system of the brain is the first to fully function, meaning we are musically receptive long before anything else. "It's a case of first in, last out when it comes to a dementia-type breakdown of memory," it says.

Danny, whose love of music began in the Skiffle era, would like to see the idea rolled out across all care homes.

"It would save carers time and help those with dementia enjoy music again."

He'd like to see more awareness of the condition, too. "You have to know how to speak to people with dementia. I've learnt from experience," he added.

Police plan to sell extra station land

BY ANNABEL HOWARD
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EXTRA land next to a police station is expected to be put up for sale this week.

Thames Valley Police is due to advertise the sale of the land in Newport Pagnell to help boost its funds.

It is hoped the sale of the site, which is currently home to five former police houses, will generate a significant sum and reduce the force's costs.

And the area's top cop has said the move will help 'keep officers on our streets'.

It is hoped the original part of the station, which dates back to 1872, will be retained and refurbished by the buyers to modernise it as part of a wider redevelopment scheme.

Plans include refurbishing the offices and making them more spacious and open plan.

Milton Keynes policing commander, Supt Barry Halliday, said: "This decision is one that makes perfect sense for the force and will allow us to generate funds that will help us maintain our commitment to frontline policing and keeping officers on our streets.

"I want to reassure the local community that this is not the closure of the station, which will remain on the same site.

"Newport Pagnell's station will stay open and continue to serve the rural areas of Milton Keynes."

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City's late-night booze plan is rejected

COUNCILLORS have rejected the chance to implement a late-night levy in the city – just weeks after it appeared to have been given the green light.

The scheme, which would have been the second of its kind in the country after Newcastle, was debated at a full meeting of Milton Keynes Council last Wednesday.

The levy would have seen nightclubs and bars who serve alcohol from 1-6am pay a levy for the privilege of doing so.

Councillor Peter Marland, leader of Milton Keynes' Labour party, said: "The main reason some councillors rejected it was the level of funding it would have raised had it gone through.

"The council would have only got £9,000, and it was felt that the benefits would not outweigh the cost. The people who voted against weren't voting against the principal of the levy itself."

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What a mess: The rubbish that was left behind by travellers when then illegally set up camp at the Blue Lagoon nature reserve in the summer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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TRAVELLERS have landed Milton Keynes Council taxpayers with a bill for a whopping £41,000 – in just six months.

The figure, calculated from April to this month, is made up of £7,000 on clearing up the mess left behind at 72 separate illegal encampments across the city and £34,000 in officers' time for court hearings.

In the same period the authority has received 245 complaints about camps from members of the public.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, £2,000 of taxpayers' money was spent on clearing up the mound of mess left behind by a group of travellers at local beauty spot the Blue Lagoon in July.

Following the incident, the council joined forces with police and The Parks Trust to investigate ways of stopping illegal camps being set up in the city.

But now travellers have moved onto private land, as reported by this paper last week, including areas on Rockingham Drive industrial estate in Linford Wood.

Councillor Peter Geary, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for communities and public realm, said: "We are very disappointed in these costs.

"We would have preferred not to have paid that but if we don't it will get worse and we want to keep Milton Keynes neat.

"It is taxpayers money but we had no choice in what we did.

"We will continue to be vigilant and carry on the process.

"Travellers have changed their tactics moving onto private land and we as a council are invested in what's going on.

"This does not cost taxpayers but we need landlords to work with us to solve these problems in Milton Keynes."

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Burglars steal cash

THIEVES stole cash after entering a Bolbeck Park home through an unsecured back door. Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident in Falaise Nook, which took place between 5pm last Wednesday and 11.30am on Friday. Witnesses can contact Det Con Wendy Cissell at Milton Keynes Police Station via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Halloween pub quiz

A CHARITY Hallowe'en movie quiz night will be hosted by Love:MK Volunteering Collective tomorrow.
The winning team will receive a £100 cash prize. Organisers are also offering free sparkling wine and popcorn to anyone in fancy dress. The event will be held in the Slug and Lettuce, in Savoy Crescent, at 8pm.

A celebration of Henry's life

A CELEBRATION of Henry Allen's life will be held on Friday.

The four-year-old from Bletchley lost his battle with neuroblastoma last Sunday.

A procession along St Clements Drive in Bletchley at 3.30pm will be followed by a service at the DoubleTree by Hilton at stadiummk at 6pm.

Mum Dawn said: "Mark [Henry's dad] and I are lost for words at the support that has been shown throughout Henry's battle with this vile disease. So many words of encouragement and the things that people have done in order to help raise money has been truly amazing.

"Our beautiful angel united so many people and touched so many hearts."

The family has requested no black is worn on the day.

■ **For the full story visit www.mkweb.co.uk. Turn to page 22 to find out about a onesie world record attempt.**

Teenager denies murders

A 19-YEAR-OLD has pleaded not guilty to the murders of two teenagers.

Ahmed Ahmed, of no fixed abode, was charged in July with two counts of murder in relation to the deaths of 19-year-old Mohamed Abdi Farah and 18-year-old Amin Ahmed Ismail.

The two victims were fatally shot in an alleyway on the Fishermead estate on May 26, 2011.

Ahmed appeared at Luton Crown Court on Friday.

The judge has set a provisional trial date of May 12, 2014.

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More purple parking

YOUR letter from M F Anderson in the paper on October 16 does indeed show some CMK parking spaces being under-utilised.

I am pleased to inform all your readers that we have just finished a review of occupancy levels for all the spaces in CMK, resulting in revised parking tariffs for some 300 spaces which will take effect within the next couple of months.

The effect will be broadly cost-neutral – some spaces are changing from short-stay to standard (purple) rates, some are changing from premium (red) to standard (purple), and some free short-stay spaces will change to allow a longer free stay.

This last change is particularly to support the market and its customers.

Taken together, these changes are intended to further improve the way CMK parking meets the needs of MK's residents, businesses, and visitors.

Councillor John Bint (Conservatives)
Cabinet member for transport and highways

A waste of money?

WHILE not wishing to take ultimate responsibility away from the travellers who were at Rockingham Drive and dumped the rubbish there illegally (*'Big fat gypsy mess', MK NEWS, October 23*), there are other culprits who need to carry some of the blame for what has happened.

The residents and businesses who gave the work to the travellers, rather than using a properly licensed – and I dare say more expensive – operator to take away any rubbish and dispose of it legally.

And, secondly, Milton Keynes Council, which decided last year to stop the free bulky refuse collection service, even though it must have appreciated that to do so could lead to this or flytipping.

It would be interesting to know if charging for bulky refuse collections has really saved money, or if the cost of clearing up illegally dumped rubbish has offset any income they have generated.

Paul Griffiths
Sent via email

Sort road 'deathtrap'

THIS week saw yet another very serious accident on the stretch of the H9 Groveway between the V8 Marlborough Street and the Open University.

Last year there were two separate fatal accidents on the same day.

How many more will it take before those in authority do something about this deathtrap?

The road has a slope, bend, dual carriageway converging into a single carriage way, junctions that even very experienced motorists find a challenge to negotiate and two bus stops. Combine this with only national speed limits and you have a recipe for disaster.

Even a first year student of civil engineering would doubtless be failed in an exam for coming up with such a crazy plan.

The road needs emergency speed limits of at maximum 40mph and the construction of traffic lights or roundabouts.

The bridge over the river was renovated a few years back but this made things only worse for pedestrians and cyclists, who are forced to take this route when the park is flooded.

Safety barriers (albeit wholly inadequate ones) were removed. The unfortunate person using the path has juggernauts speeding by them at up to 70mph just inches away.

Frederick Toates
Sent via email

Fence is on right track

A FEW facts for Chris Coppock to digest as to why Network Rail (NR) is refencing much of the West Coast Main Line (WCML) (Letters, MK NEWS, October 16)

Firstly NR has a statutory duty, like its predecessors the British Railways Board, to securely fence the railway (this was enshrined in railway law by the Victorians and would have applied to the original London & Birmingham Railway).

The reason for the use of the palisade fencing is that it is part of a £40million investment to fence in the entire southern end of the WCML from Euston to Rugby – approximately 70 miles.

When NR looked at schemes to reduce delays on this stretch of railway the scheme with the best rate of return by a considerable distance was the secure fencing of the railway. The reason is that it massively reduces the instances of:

- Trespass
- Vandalism
- Suicides
- Cable theft
- Animals getting on the tracks

While Castlethorpe and Hanslope might not seem like hotspots of vandalism to Chris Coppock, these out of the way locations is just the sort of place that cable thieves are looking for – with few people to see them doing their dastardly deeds.

They are certainly the sort of location where local farm animals or wild deer can get on the line as the old post and wire fences could be easily breached. While some might not think so a fully grown deer hitting a train travelling at 120mph does a lot of damage.

Finally, Chris Coppock hasn't thought through the long-term visual intrusion of the fence. While it looks stark at present, this is the result of the contractors having to cut down the surrounding vegetation to do their work. Give nature a year to 18 months and much of the fence will be hidden by shrubs and bushes.

Given the problems NR encounters in the world we live in, I'm afraid secure fences are a necessary evil.

Brian Ringer
Sedgemere, Two Mile Ash

A tree-mendous mess

MILTON Keynes is covered in a carpet of dead fallen deciduous tree leaves once again this time of the year.

They are blocking drains, covering up dog poo and creating a slip and trip situation. What a mess.

Not much forward planning by Milton Keynes Council. It would have been more cost effective in the long-term to have planted more coniferous trees that do not shed their leaves every year.

A Townsend
Sent via email

Iain's Monthly Focus

MP talks about his new transport role

THIS month Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, was announced as the new Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to Patrick McLoughlin, Secretary of State for Transport. Iain took the time to answer a few questions on his new role.

Q. Congratulations on your new role, as the new PPS to the Transport Secretary. Can you tell us what the Government is going to do to improve transport across the country?

A. Firstly I would like to say I am grateful for the opportunity to have this role. Transport has always been a keen interest of mine and, after three years on the Transport Committee, I hope I have built up a good knowledge and experience which I can bring to the department.

On the question, I am very optimistic on the future of transport across the UK. There are improvements being made across the board. We are investing significantly in roads, the aviation industry and of course the trains with new coaches being added to both Virgin and London Midland trains serving Milton Keynes.

Q. What are your feelings surrounding HS2?

A. I appreciate there is concern about HS2 and I have to say I think it is always healthy to have a strong debate on issues as important as this.

However, many arguments made against HS2 are not new. Looking back to previous projects such as HS1; we can see similar issues being raised.

As I see it we have a basic choice to make. We can adopt the traditional short-termist British view, suck our teeth and conclude 'it's too difficult, guv'. Or we can approach this with confidence and optimism and design HS2 in a way which will deliver lasting benefits for generations.

Q. One of the biggest concerns surrounding HS2 is that it seems to be very expensive, with the economy the way it is shouldn't we be spending this on other things?

A. Of course it is vital that the project is properly managed and kept within budget.

We have plenty of examples in this country which have been a huge success; the magnificent rebuilding of St Pancras station for the HS1 project was completed on time and within budget.

It may even be possible for the project to attract private sector investment; we should also bear in mind that there would be a high price to pay for not building HS2.

The existing West Coast line is already crowded and likely future growth will place even more pressure on it.

Without HS2, places like Milton Keynes would probably lose direct intercity services and commuter trains would be even more packed.

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Poppy appeal: 200 students from Shenley Brook End form a human poppy of remembrance

Students blossom into poppy

PUPILS created a giant human poppy to mark the launch of the Milton Keynes poppy appeal.

On Friday The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, and the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Brian White, led a ceremony at Shenley Brook End School to officially launch the appeal.

They placed the first crosses on the school field and 200 students bunched together to form the human poppy.

Julie East, the school's leadership and training centre administrator, said: "We hope these activities will continue to help our school's students to learn more about war and reflect upon both the sacrifices and the suffering it brings."

First home is a 'distant dream'

BY JAMES AVERILL

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RESEARCH has revealed that just 14 per cent of homes for sale in Milton Keynes are affordable for a 'typical' family hoping to get on the first rung of the property ladder.

Charity Shelter reviewed asking prices for all the properties for sale in the city on a single day and compared them with mortgages families, couples and single people on average wages could afford as first-time buyers.

Just 194 out of the 1,361 homes for sale were affordable for families – assuming that they were able to save a 20 per cent deposit.

The picture looked bleaker for those looking to take part in the Government's Help to Buy scheme with 95 per cent mortgages meaning higher monthly costs to put even more homes out of reach.

Previous research by Shelter showed that, on average, young families in the region face more than a decade of saving before they can afford a deposit for their own home.

The latest study shows even after saving for a deposit there are not enough properties on the market within a first-time buyer's budget.

Options for single people looking for a home are even worse with just 112 'affordable' properties out of the ones for sale. For couples without children there were 38 per cent affordable homes.

Shelter chief executive Campbell Robb said: "It's not difficult to see why a stable home of their own is quickly becoming a distant dream for the next generation."

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Honour for Pete

MK DONS' chairman Pete Winkelman will receive an honorary doctorate in business administration after buying the club 10 years ago. Pete will receive the honour from the University of Bedfordshire later this week. It recognises his 'outstanding contribution to the life and community of Milton Keynes'.

Furry winter warmer

HULA Animal Rescue will hold a 'winter warmer' to raise cash for South Midlands Animal Sanctuary on November 10. It will take place at Glebe Farm, Salford Road, Aspley Guise, from 1-3.30pm.

Rail users angry over services

TRAIN users are 'disappointed' following news that London Midland will not be pursuing an extension of services to and from Milton Keynes Central.

Bletchley to Bedford Rail User Association (BBRUA) members have been told this is due to the current franchise and means changes will not be made before 2017.

David Hopkins – a Danesborough ward councillor representing Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill on the line and a member of BBRUA – will now raise the issue with Milton Keynes Council's cabinet.

Charter for money lenders

A COMMUNITY charter has been launched against the growth of payday money lenders.

The charter, drawn up by Andrew Pakes, Labour's parliamentary candidate in Milton Keynes South, and Milton Keynes Citizen's Advice Bureau on Friday, has called for tougher regulations and enforcement of payday lenders in the city, including restrictions on the charges that they can impose on customers.

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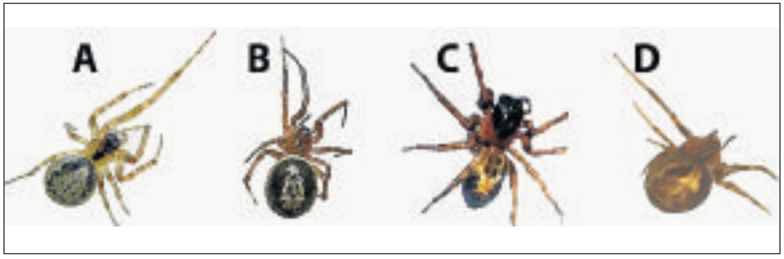

Incy wincy spider: One of these is a false widow, but which one? ***Answer below**

Can you spot a false widow?

MK NEWS has been inundated with calls from concerned residents who believe they have seen false widow spiders nesting in their homes.

After receiving photos of what readers believe to be false widows, reporter Jessica Duncan sent them to the National History Museum where they were analysed by identification and advisory officer Florin Feneru.

He said: "These are not false widows, but missing sector orb-weaver spiders, or Zygiella x-notata.

"These spiders are related to garden spiders and are as harmless as them.

"Therefore, please ask your readers to not worry about bites, as they are not dangerous at all."

The picture above includes some of the images of spiders we have received next to a real false widow.

But can you tell which is which? Opposite are some facts that will help you identify false widow spiders.

FALSE WIDOW FACTS

- Unlike orb-weavers who have a yellow-brown abdomen, they have a brown bulbous one with cream markings
- Their legs are reddish-orange, not yellow-brown
- Females can grow up to 14mm, 3mm bigger than orb-weavers, and males 11mm, which is 2mm larger
- They construct a cobweb which is an irregular tangle of sticky silken fibres

Rapid response units approved

BY ANNABEL HOWARD

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PLANS to build rapid response units for ambulances have been approved – despite planning officers recommending they be thrown out.

Planning permission has been granted for two of the Portakabins in Milton Keynes, with the decision on a third put on hold.

Rapid Ambulance Amenity Points in Pitfield, Kiln Farm, and Saxon Street, approved by members of Milton Keynes Council's development control committee on Thursday, will provide paramedics with facilities and parking.

It is also thought they will help improve the time it takes for paramedics to get to emergencies.

A decision on the proposed unit in Brickhill Street has been deferred so further discussions can take place with the Highways Department.

The plans had been recommended for refusal because of concerns over antisocial behaviour in the area and the cabins becoming targets for criminals looking for drugs.

South Central Ambulance Service spokesman Gill Hodgetts said: "We are grateful that they are mindful to grant us permission. We need to do further work with the highways team but we are very happy with the support we have been given.

"We really want this to happen and I think that it will benefit residents in that area.

"Our vehicles have CCTV on them. We will have to take all measures that are possible to make it [the units] secure, but it will not always be manned."

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THE deadline for entries to the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Buckinghamshire Business Awards 2013 is tomorrow. The awards, which promote the area's businesses, are free to enter. The winner will receive up to £10,000 in advertising from media partners MK NEWS and MKWeb.

Ice rink delays

DUE to construction delays, the new ice rink at the Food Hall in Midsummer Boulevard did not open on Monday. It is now due to be officially launched on Saturday.

Suspicious window cleaner

POLICE would like residents to look out for a man who is claiming to be a window cleaner and requesting money in the area.

The man operates across Milton Keynes, but often targets places which are largely populated by elderly or vulnerable residents, such as bungalows and areas with sheltered housing.

He is described as white, in his late teens or early 20s, about 5ft 8ins, of slim build with short brown hair and is clean shaven.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the police on 101.

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PART of thecentre:mk could be sold in a deal between current owners Hermes Real Estate and a client of Henderson Global Investors.

It has been reported that the 50 per cent stake bought by Hermes in June is being put up for sale. However, a Hermes spokesman would not confirm or deny the rumours and declined to comment.

Answer: The false widow spider is the one marked 'B'. The other three spiders are orb-weavers

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We are appealing for people who are thinking about adoption to get in touch with us.

This National Adoption Week we will be working hard to find families for children in care, especially those who wait longest. This includes black and minority ethnic children, children with disabilities, older children and sibling groups.

The number of children referred to the adoption register this year is 20% higher than last year and sadly there has been a decrease in available adopters.

At St Francis' Children's Society we are committed to reducing this number of children waiting, **we would like all children to be in loving, stable homes**.

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The first time parents met their adoptive children: "They came to the door and let us in. With our hearts pounding, we walked through into the front room to be greeted by our daughter who said, 'You're my forever mummy and daddy' (I'm in tears just thinking about it). Then she took me by the hand and led us to the conservatory where she was playing with some bricks with her brother. It felt so natural for all of us, I think particularly for our daughter, who seemed to really lead the way. Not long later the social worker left; we stayed for about another hour and then said our goodbyes. We sat in the car, exhilarated. We had met our children and they were everything we had hoped and more."

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In November we have two opportunities to meet our specialist social workers and an adopter to help you understand more about adoption and if you would like to start your journey to parenthood with us.

A special thanks to **VW** in Towcester for offering to host an additional adoption information evening for potential adoptive parents on 20th November at 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

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Campaign is heating up: ***From left*****, Jake Adams, Chris Rowles and Craig How with some of the supplies they have already collected with the help of the community**

Cosy campaign

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A GROUP of young men have launched a community-based campaign to help elderly and vulnerable people during the cold weather.

The Big Blanket Campaign: Milton Keynes aims to collect as many blankets, jackets, coats, jumpers, space heaters, duvets, water bottles and winter supplies as possible.

It was set up by campaign managers Chris Rowles, 20, and Jake Adams, 19, of Bletchley and Craig How, 22, of Shenley Church End.

The group is now in talks with local charities MK Community Foundation and the YMCA to find out how it can help the city's most vulnerable people.

The campaign was started after energy companies announced they would be increasing their prices.

It also follows MK NEWS' article about how 100-200 people could be dying due to fuel poverty in the city every year.

Its Facebook page attracted 145 likes within the first four hours of it going live.

Chris said: "I really want this to be a community-based campaign.

"It would be great to get everybody involved either by volunteering, donating items or just spreading the message.

"The name of the campaign was inspired by David Cameron's 'Big Society' policy that involves communities taking more of an active role.

We kind of want to make a point that, when we all stick together, we can take care of ourselves and make a difference."

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Arrests made in £3m wine ‘scam’

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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The offices where World Wide Wine Investments are based

THREE people have been arrested by police investigating an alleged wine ‘scam’ based in Milton Keynes.

About 200 victims have lost more than £3million after being persuaded to buy fine wine from World Wide Wine Investments, based at offices on Avebury Boulevard, between 2010 and 2012.

They were told the wine was being made and laid down and they would receive it in a set number of years once it had reached its vintage.

The wine was never made and the victims discovered the scheme was a scam and reported it to police in August 2012.

Last Wednesday, officers from the Thames Valley Police Economic Crime Unit carried out warrants under Section 8 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE).

A 22-year-old man and a 23-year-old woman were arrested in Essex and a 47-year-old man was arrested in Epping on suspicion of fraud and money laundering.

Detective sergeant Duncan Wynn said: “The money was shipped out of the country and the suspects left the premises, which meant we were always playing catch-up with the suspects. One of the things we’re looking to do is recover any assets or money under the Proceeds of Crime, because we’d like to restore that back to the victims.”

The 22-year-old man has been released on police bail until December.

The 47-year-old man and 23-year-old woman have also been released on bail until February, 2014.

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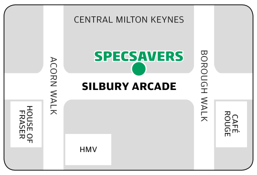

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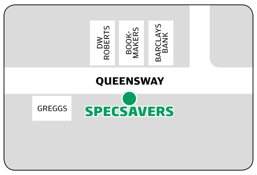

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MK's top cop will check out issues

BY ANNABEL HOWARD

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RESIDENTS are being invited to attend drop-in sessions with the city's top cop from next week.

The first session with Supt Barry Halliday, *pictured*, will be held at Sainsbury's in The Hub on Tuesday between 4pm and 6pm.

He will welcome questions on any police issues at the informal session, but is particularly keen to hear about people's experience of hate crime.

Both the chief executive officer of the Equality Council for Milton Keynes and the Police Independent Advisory Group are supporting the event.

Supt Halliday said: "I'm looking forward to the drop-in session at Sainsbury's.

"I would like people to ask me questions or report issues which they wouldn't necessarily feel comfortable speaking about in a formal police station environment.

"I hope this will be a good opportunity for residents in Milton Keynes to have a voice. Hate crime is an issue which we always try to address, but we are often concerned that it goes unreported.

"We will be able to discuss any confidential issues in a private office at the Sainsbury's store.

"I look forward to what I'm sure will be a worthwhile event, which we plan to be the first of many."

A Sainsbury's spokesman said: "We are always looking for ways to help make a positive contribution to the local community.

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A rosy bit of history

A moment in history: Frankie Geary, six, helps mayor Brian White bury the time capsule at MK Rose, watched by members of The Parks Trust and MK Rose Trust. Cllr White will also be officially opening the Rose on November 9

BY JAMES AVERILL
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WHAT is believed to be the city's first time capsule has been buried under MK Rose.

In a ceremony on Monday morning, mayor Brian White lowered the capsule into the foundations of the new monument – which features 140 pillars arranged in the design of a flower head.

Each pillar will represent a different day, like Concrete Cow Inauguration Day and Bletchley Park Day.

The structure has been built to last for approximately two centuries and it is hoped that the time capsule will give a snapshot of a week in 2013 for our ancestors to look at.

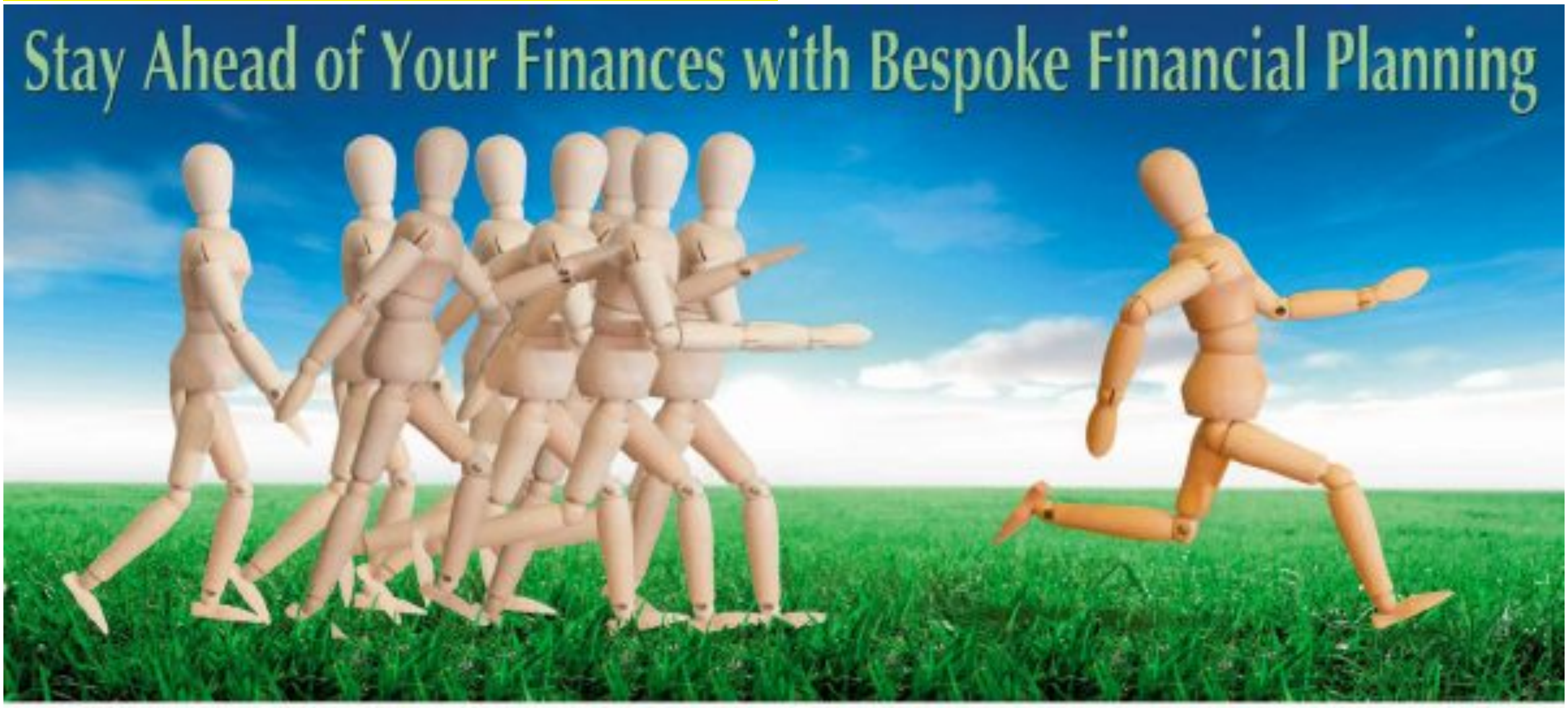
Among items that went into the capsule – which is made of aluminium and sealed with silicon – were a miniature concrete cow, a poem by MK poet laureate Mark Neill, which was inscribed on vellum made in Newport Pagnell, and an edition of last week's MK NEWS.

Gavin Anderson is trustee of the Cenotaph Trust, which along with The Parks Trust commissioned and funded the Rose, which is located in Campbell Park. Gavin said: "We worked out that the structure should last about 200 years and this is a great opportunity to mark a moment in our history.

"We're confident that the capsule won't be forgotten about. It's on Parks Trust land, which means unless something disastrous happens, it will always be a park and be on record."

The Rose will officially open on Saturday, November 9.

To see the list of the days represented at MK Rose: **www.mkweb.co.uk**



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If you have a pension other than a guaranteed one such as an annuity or a final salary one from which you are already taking an income, how often do you review it?

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Tony Byrne
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Well if you are not regularly reviewing your pension then your apathy could cost your financial health dearly in much the same way as my dental health suffered from my apathy.

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Fraud couple jailed for luxury squatting

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FORMER cabbie and retired schoolteacher have been locked up for making expensive offers for houses they couldn't afford.

A judge slammed Richard and Hazel Jerome as 'habitual confidence tricksters' after they posed as an international businessman and his home worker wife to bid for luxurious properties.

The married pair tried to befriend the buyers of expensive homes with the intention of repeating a swindle which had enabled them to live rent free in the lap of luxury.

Their scheme was to make an offer, claim that their money from abroad was delayed and ask to move in before completion.

They would then make excuses for months to owners while they squatted rent free.

The Jeromes had pulled off a similar swindle in 2009, but Richard Jarome resumed his scheming within days of being released from a 15-month prison sentence.

Jerome operated under a string of false names as he tried to buy a £2million farmhouse in Badby, near Daventry, and a £560,000 home called Ambleside at nearby Hellidon.

The couple also made offers on homes in Looe, Cornwall, and Sidmouth, Devon, worth a total of just over £1million.

In reality, the couple had next to no assets, having just £8.70 in a shared bank account.

Richard, 65, and Hazel, 62, formerly of Lonsdale, Wolverton, but now living in Towcester, pleaded not guilty to eight charges of fraud or deception, but were found guilty at Exeter Crown Court.

Richard Jerome was jailed for six years and his wife for two years and three months.

Judge Erik Salomonsen told Richard Jerome: "You are a confidence trickster, you are a menace. You are a fraudster who is motivated by profit without working for it."

Caught out: Richard and Hazel Jerome were jailed at Exeter Crown Court last week

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Ribbon cutting: Mayor Brian White opens the new clinic

New sexual health service launched

A SEXUAL health clinic has been officially opened in Boots.

The confidential service, run by NHS provider Virgin Care, is available in the store in Crown Walk.

Open to everyone, it includes appointments and walk-in clinics with doctors and nurses for a range of services, including family planning and STI screening, that are available between Monday and Friday.

Plans drawn up for local centre

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DOZENS of people turned out to have their say on the future of a local centre after a supermarket giant shelved its plans to regenerate it.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Sainsbury's had announced plans to replace the shops at Stantonbury's Local Centre with a new supermarket, stores and cafes.

However, in June this year it said the proposals were 'no longer possible'.

Despite the setback, Community Action MK held a meeting at Stantonbury Leisure Centre on Thursday where residents of all ages gave their opinion on what should happen to the site.

They requested the need for a greengrocers, cafe, Post Office and pharmacy and want to see the area better lit.

They highlighted how the area's bushes currently attract rats and should be replaced with benches or a children's area.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's, which still owns some of the area, said: "We are currently reviewing options for the future of Stantonbury Local Centre and how it can be improved for local residents.

"This includes commissioning consultants to develop a range of options."

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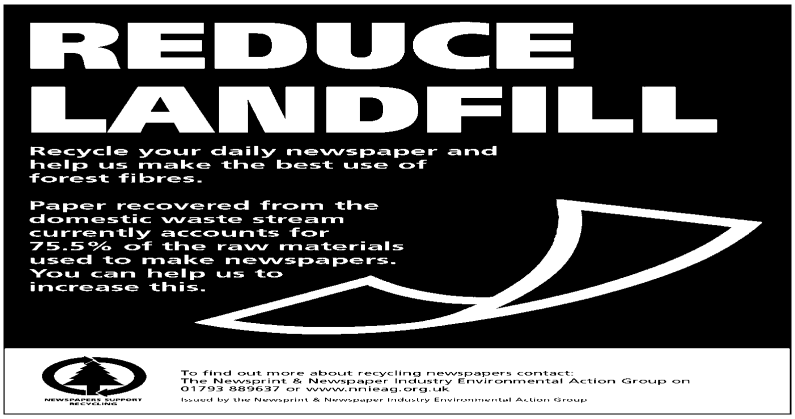

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Roger aims to Bond with MK audience

BY JUDY RILEY

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LONGEST-SERVING James Bond, Sir Roger Moore, is spending an evening at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Biographer Gareth Owen will chat to the legendary actor on Wednesday, November 13 on the subject of his life and career.

It will feature inside stories and exclusive anecdotes from an extraordinary career that has included the iconic TV series The Saint and The Persuaders, plus Hollywood blockbusters and, of course, the James Bond films.

MK NEWS managed to speak to Sir Roger ahead of the show from his Monaco home, where he recounted the exact moment he wanted to be an actor.

"I was 16 years old and I was an extra, playing a Roman soldier, on the movie Caesar and Cleopatra starring Vivien Leigh and Stewart Granger," he said.

"I was spotted by the director and was asked 'did I want to be an actor?' I was told that my parents would have to be prepared to support me through drama school. I rushed home and told my mum that I was going to become Stewart Granger.

"When I auditioned for RADA, as I said the very first line of my first speech, I knew that was what I wanted to do."

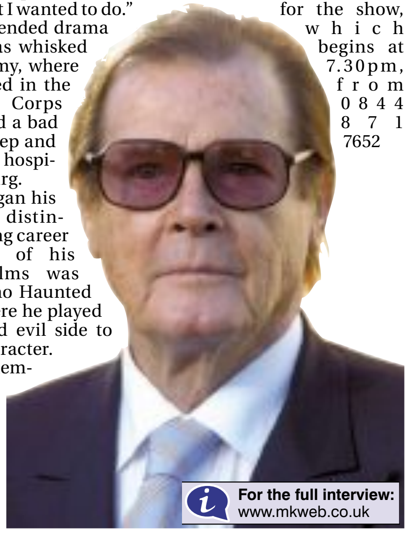
After he attended drama school he was whisked off to the army, where he was posted in the Intelligence Corps before he had a bad smash in a jeep and ended up in hospital in Hamburg.

He then began his long and distinguished acting career – and one of his favourite films was The Man Who Haunted Himself, where he played the good and evil side to the same character.

Audience members will be given a unique opportunity to put their questions to the Hollywood legend at the end of the show, although they should be warned not to ask the obvious.

"I do get fed up with who is your favourite Bond girl? I don't have favourites."

Tickets cost £28.90 for the show, which begins at 7.30pm, from 0844 871 7652



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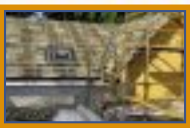

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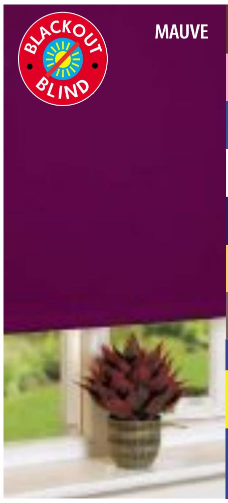

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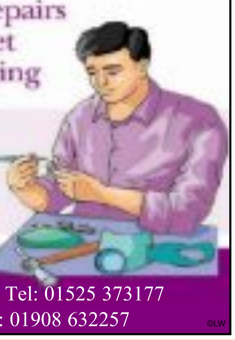

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A world record onesie attempt

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Henry, four, lost his battle with cancer last Sunday and potentially more than 1,000 people could be wearing the all-in-one outfits to raise money for Families Against Neuroblastoma.

The group aims to beat the current record of 700 during the attempt on Saturday.

■ Find out more at www.mkweb.co.uk

New data hub will help MK be 'smart'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE creation of a new data hub will see the city pioneering the 'creation of the future'.

The new hub is part of a £16million investment into the 'smart' management of infrastructure like transport, energy and water supplies.

People in Milton Keynes can use the hub to access information on items such as where water leaks are in pipelines feeding the city.

The hub will also make it quicker for people to get from A to B by analysing data collected from companies such as taxi and bus firms, which can provide up-to-date information on traffic.

The data hub also aims to support business growth.

Geoff Snelson, director of strategy at Milton Keynes Council, said: "To be a smart city you need to have information about your services so that people can come up with new ideas. For example we could create a map of transport and pedestrian flows in the city and a business could develop a real time app telling you what areas to avoid."

Mr Snelson added that schemes like this could add £30billion to the UK purse.

The Higher Education Funding Council for England's Catalyst Fund granted £8million to the hub, which was match-funded in a consortium led by The Open University.

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MKEDUCATION

Students serve up a treat

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A STYLISH brasserie with a difference has opened its doors at Milton Keynes College's Bletchley campus.

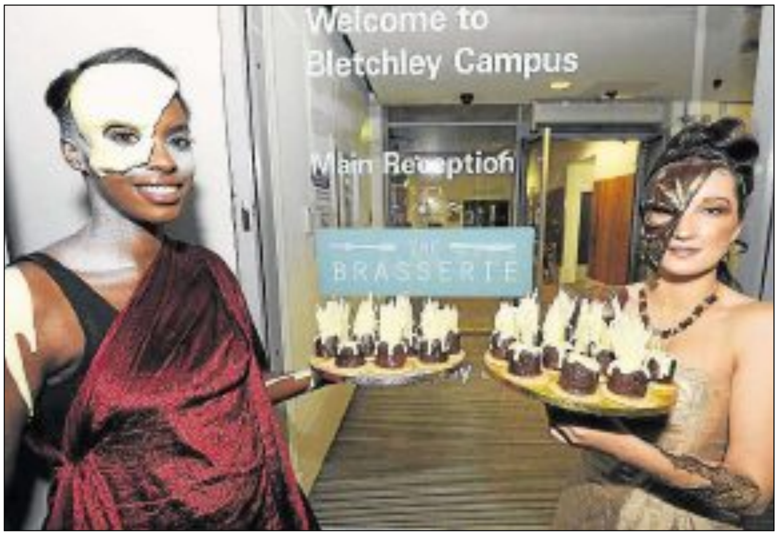
The fully licenced restaurant offers everything from paninis to à la carte dining.

But the big difference between this establishment and others in the city is that it is staffed almost entirely by students.

Last Wednesday, 40 invited guests were treated to canapés, while being waited on by students wearing chocolate masks.

The young people are learning everything from becoming professional chefs to front of house work and all under the watchful eye of a manager who has spent the last five years in a very different brasserie – Brasserie Blanc in The Hub.

Sarah King says even though the restaurant is a training establishment she expects total professionalism from the students.



Tickling your tastebuds: ***From left*, students Sonja Habimana and Zoe Kennedy at the brasserie**

She said: "We're going to be serving the paying public and while they will no doubt be understanding when it comes to dealing with people who are learning their trade, I expect our staff to be completely committed and to live up to the standards of a professional establishment.

"During their time here if they're waiting at tables they will need to be able to deal with customers properly, advise them about the wine – everything anyone serving at a restaurant in the city centre would be able to do."

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In the kitchen, head chef Darren Klein is new to teaching and the college but no stranger to the world of professional catering where he has cooked for thousands of paying customers.

Darren said: "I will be strict with them, of course, but it's important to understand that some of the students have never so much as peeled a carrot before they came here.

"I will make sure they have the time and the encouragement to learn everything they need to know to make a success of their life after college.

"When they leave here they should have all the skills to be able to work with confidence in a four star restaurant."

Children have a right royal time

SCHOOLCHILDREN had the chance to meet The Duchess of Cornwall after winning a national harvest competition.

Abbeys Primary School won the UK's Bring Home the Harvest Competition and were invited to a special service at Westminster Abbey in London earlier this month.

It was attended by Camilla, The Duchess of Cornwall, who met a small group of children from the school and was presented with a sunflower they had grown as part of the competition.

Celebrities such as actors Damian Lewis and Martin Clunes also attended the event.

The national competition involved designing a harvest box, writing poems, drawing pictures and even growing and cooking vegetables.

Sophie Good, headteacher of Abbeys Primary School, said: "I am very proud of all the children, it was such a special day being in the presence of royalty and the many celebrities who had been invited to attend.

"I will treasure the memories of being part of such a significant event."

MKEDUCATIONBRIEFS

Rockets out of this world

YEAR Nine students from across Milton Keynes took part in a Bottle Rocket competition. Pupils representing Milton Keynes Academy, Slated Row Special School and Ousedale and Denbigh schools were briefed by scientists from the Open University and had to build a water-powered, egg-carrying rocket from an old fizzy drinks bottle using only the kit items provided. Mayor Brian White, who was the judge, handed over the winners trophy to MK Academy.

Stanton strikes gold

STANTON School has been awarded Artsmark Gold for its commitment to, and excellence in, arts and cultural education. Artsmark is Arts Council England's flagship programme, which enables schools to strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision. Headteacher Helen Nicholson said: "Only 13 per cent of primary schools in England have Artsmark status. I'm delighted that our dynamic arts education has been nationally recognised."

'Outstanding' Sherington

SHERINGTON C of E Primary School has been awarded an Outstanding Energy Club Award. Sports Leaders UK, which runs Energy Club, praised Sherington for being 'a beacon of best practice' in engaging children in physical activities.

Greenfingered prefects

PREFECTS from Queen Eleanor School helped Stony Stratford in Bloom volunteers plant 300 crocuses. The six prefects enjoyed helping the volunteers plant the flowers in front of the school in Stony Stratford and in the grass verges around the neighbourhood.

MP promotes free school milk

A CITY MP became a milk monitor to help encourage schoolchildren to drink the white stuff.

Mark Lancaster visited Emberton First School on Friday to promote the nutritional benefits of milk.

It followed World School Milk Day – an annual event celebrated in 30 different countries on the last Wednesday in September.

In the UK, an estimated 1.5million children under the age of five receive free milk every day.

Delivered to the classroom, the milk is enjoyed as a group, promoting responsibility, independence, manners and numeracy.

It also strenghtens bones and teeth and improves concentration.

Happy as pigs in muck

Pigging around: Milly and Tilly enjoying their new enclosure

STUDENTS now have a proper enclosure to look after their two Kunekune miniature pigs.

Sixth Form pupils at Slated Row School in Old Wolverton have been caring for Milly and Tilly as part of a school project about responsibility.

The enclosure was funded by Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club.

Teaching assistant Lisa Hodgson said: "The students get so much out of them."

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Ghostly goings-on: Laurie Lee Price says she saw a 'grey figure' at the Cross Keys pub in Woolstone

'Petrified' by ghost

BY XENIA RIMMER
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DEEP in a pub cellar something stirred which would send tingles down your spine.

It was then that barmaid Laurie Lee, from Cross Keys pub in Woolstone, realised she was not alone and had just seen a ghost.

Laurie, the still shaken mother-of-two, said: "A grey figure came up the stairs from the cellar, looked at me, then turned and glided off down the bar into the restaurant. I was petrified."

Suitably, in this season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, the spectre was a hazy grey – and legless. And probably not because he'd had a couple of large ones.

Laurie added: "The moving torso was definitely a male. I was rigid with fear."

But the ancient thatched inn, which has been an ale house since 1560, has previous in the matter of haunting stories.

Laurie said: "Previously, many staff and some regulars have told me of ghostly goings-on.

"Then one night, after closing, I was sitting with the then manager and his wife having a quiet drink when the three of us heard footsteps on the ceiling. Yet there was no-one else in the pub.

"On another occasion, I was walking up the steps from the cellar and felt a cold hand on the back of my head, which pushed me forward. But again, there was no-one there."

Now Laurie has vowed never to be left alone in the creakily-timbered building again.

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Breathing 'cultural

MK NEWS reporter Jessica Duncan went to meet the people who drew up a plan to turn a derelict office space into a thriving cultural hub

A BUSTLING hub for artists, musicians, photographers, writers and other creative people has opened in the city centre.

A former office space above Milton Keynes Central railway station has been transformed into Arts Central MK – a home for more than 40 creative individuals who are using the space to work and put on displays.

They include people in the fields of art, photography, digital design, music, writing, film, dance and cosmetics.

There are studios available, as well as rooms for seminars, rehearsals, exhibitions, film screenings and more.

There is a real buzz of excitement from all the talented types using the hub, who have been given the opportunity to meet other creative people, network and share ideas.

Hayden Otton, 55, from Downs Barn, is using some of the desk space available for his art and illustration work.

He said: "Socially and professionally some of us have been isolated for many years so it means there is time to get together and pass on ideas to each other.

"Milton Keynes needs something like this especially for independent artists and creative people."

The hub, launched by the trustees and volunteers of arts charity, Arts Gateway MK, has proved such a hit there is already a waiting list for the studios – despite it only being officially launched by mayor Brian White last Tuesday.

Bob Scott, co-organiser of Arts Central, said: "It makes all of the effort worthwhile."

Arts Central is only at the site until a company wants to rent the unit. But there are already plans in place to relocate if it has to move out.

Chairman of Arts Gateway MK, John Best, said: "There is a big demand for spaces like this, which says something about the creativity of the city. We want to breath cultural life into the heart of Milton Keynes."

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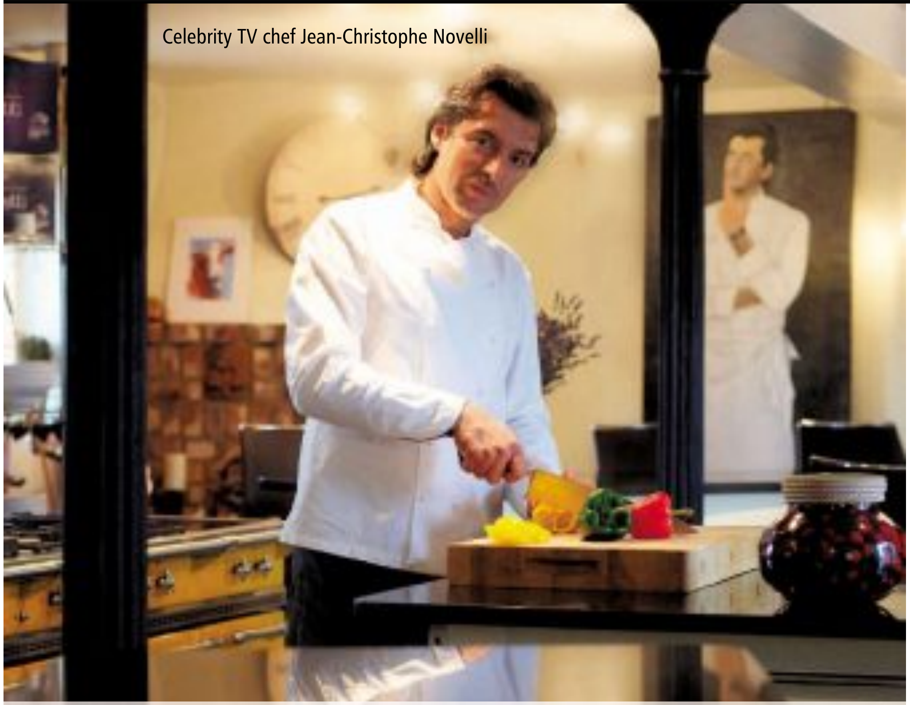
All worthwhile: Bob Scott, co-organiser of Arts Central MK



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10 tons of rubbish cleared from canal

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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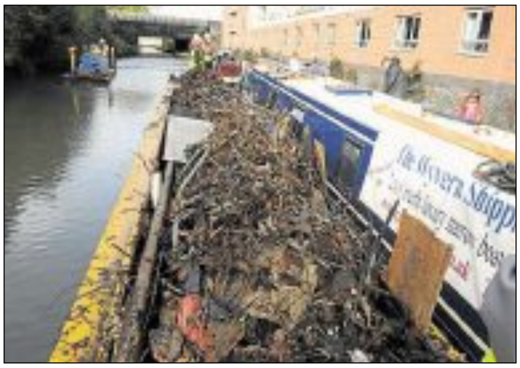
THE annual clean up of the Grand Union Canal has uncovered 10 tons of rubbish – but the lowest number of shopping trollies ever recorded.

The Milton Keynes Branch of the Inland Waterways Association (IWA MK Branch) completed its autumn clean-up of 10 miles of the city's canal over the weekend.

The haul included an answering machine, wheel clamp, golf bag, an epee, fridge freezer, two buggies, chocolate bars, car parts, road furniture, assorted metal objects and plastic and 24 bicycles.

Many black bags full of litter were also collected along the towpath.

However, only five supermarket trolleys were recovered - the lowest number that the IWA MK Branch can remember.


What a load of rubbish: One boat was full to the brim with litter

The clean-up was organised by MK IWA committee member David Stuart-King.

As is customary on these twice yearly canal clean-ups, IWA members' boats towed a 70 foot hopper and a 40ft pan workboat, supplied by the C&RT, to collect the rubbish.

The dredged up waste was recovered by operating eight strong grapple hooks from the hopper and the pan was worked along the bank.

A total of 35 IWA volunteers were involved over the weekend, helping on the boats or collecting rubbish from the towpaths, contributing 298 volunteer hours.

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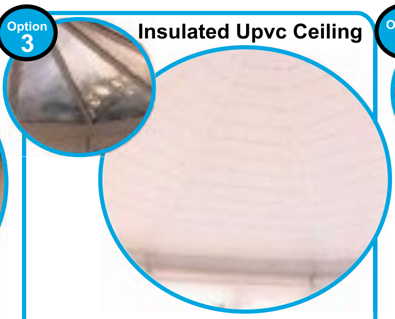

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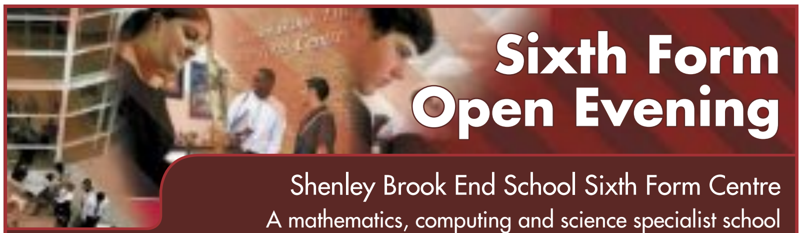
Shenley Brook End School held its annual Awards' Evening recently. Students who attained the highest grades or achieved the most progress during last year were invited to receive a prize at this prestigious evening.

Proud parents were able to see their children receive their prizes from the Queen's representative, Mr Alexander Boswell, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, who was given a tour of the school by a sixth form student Emily Jones, who has achieved Queen's Cadet within the Combined Cadets Force; the official consort to the Lord-Lieutenant.

Glen Martin, Headteacher, said "The evening was a fantastic celebration of the hard work of a number of students. We hold the evening early in the school year to enable our Year 13 students who have left the school to receive their school prizes before going off to university.

Over 85% of sixth form students attained their first choice at university. Our students regularly attain places at Oxbridge, medical and vetinary schools; 23% are within the Russell Group. The Awards' Evening also recognises our Sixth Form Graduation Certificate that demonstrates the skills and attributes of an holistic student; something unique to Shenley Brook End Sixth Form".



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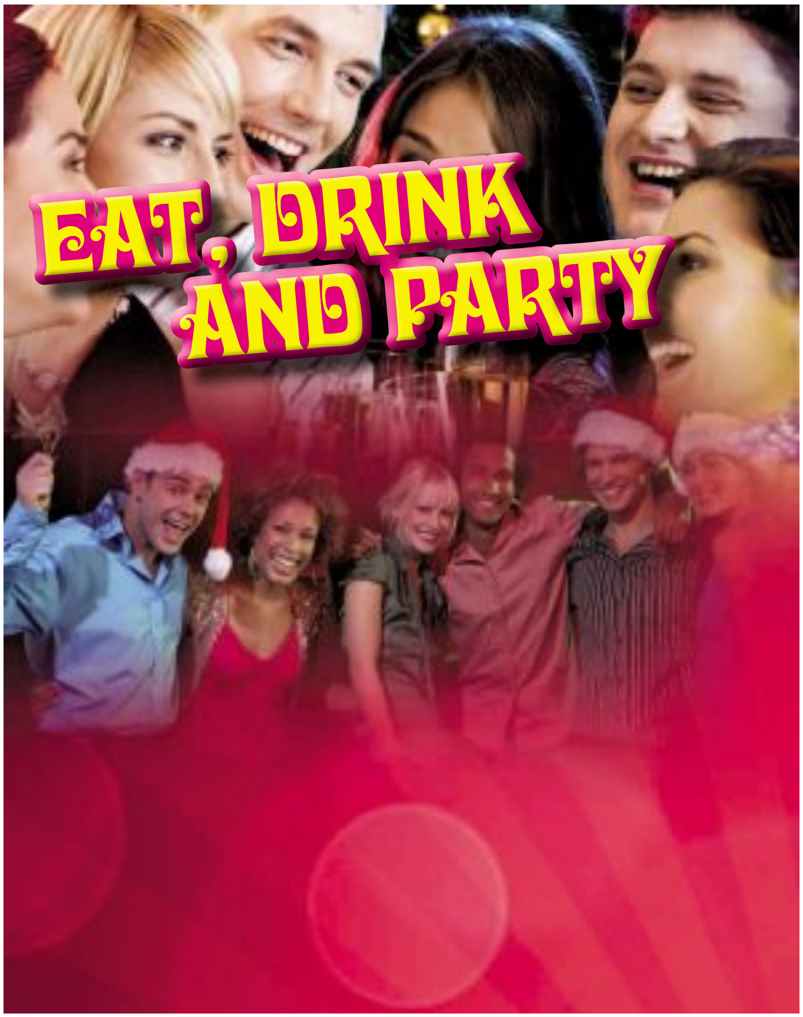

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Milton Keynes amusement park company, Keith Emmett and Sons Ltd, has helped organise the event, as it has done for the last 30 years.

The much-loved free event starts at 5:30pm with live entertainment on the Real Music MK stage.

The fireworks will be at 7.30pm, but while you wait you can enjoy the various fairground rides, stalls, music, food and much more.

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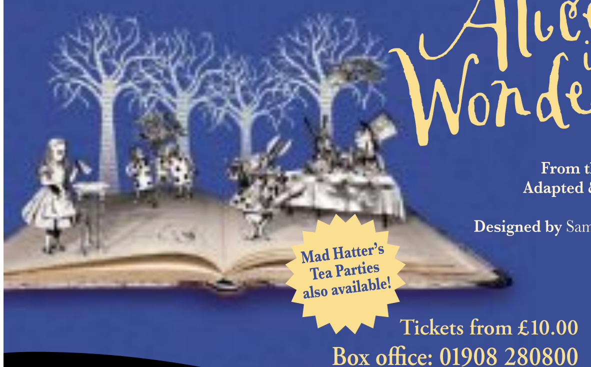
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Choosing the panna cotta and a chocolate fondant the meal was finished perfectly and as my dining partner said: "Sometimes you just have to marvel at how well some people do things."

So if you're looking for a relaxed venue to enjoy fine dining in a contemporary atmosphere where great food goes hand in hand with great service, then head to Cameron's Brasserie.

Andy Handley

RECORDING artist Jamie Stimpson writes about why he loves the festive season in Milton Keynes and the latest material he is working on with his collaborator Mister Vee

IT'S CHRISSSSSSTMAAASSSS!

Okay, not quite yet, but we are approaching the festive time of year and it means Mister Vee and myself have a lot of events to attend following the release of our album Judgement Day.

There is always so much going on in Milton Keynes around Christmas time and we love that so many local events take place within the community across the city.

We have already been confirmed as performing at the Newport Pagnell Christmas lights switch-on for the third consecutive year, which is great news, so please do come along and see us!

Mister Vee has been busy in the studio working on some new ideas, which I must say are sounding better than ever.

I have been busy behind the scenes getting ready for the new projects we have in the pipeline, including what we hope will be a Christmas release.

With so much going on, and new music on its way from the both of us, it's safe to say we are back in the thick of it.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way so far and you can follow us on Twitter @JayStimpson and @ItsMisterVee.

Jamie Stimpson and Mister Vee

dylanproject

SOME of the most recognised members of the folk-rock genre are clubbing together to pay tribute to a songwriting genius.

The Dylan Project features Fairport Convention members Dave Pegg and Gerry Conway, steel and slide guitar surpremo PJ Wright and keyboardist Phil Bonds.

The man who has to sing the songs made famous by Bob is Steve Gibbons, and he does a thoroughly convincing job in his own cool style.

They'll play all the hits, and there are plenty of them to perform throughout the evening.

The Dylan Project are playing at The Stables on Sunday at 8pm. Tickets cost £15 and can be bought from www.stables.org or by calling the box office on 01908 280800.

the DYLAN project

Prepared to be scared: The witches and ghouls will be out in force at the various Hallowe'en events for adults and children that are being held across the city this week

THERE are plenty of ghostly goings-on taking place across the city this Hallowe'en. Here MK LIFE takes at look at the best spook-tacular events guaranteed to give you a fright

THERE will be giant pumpkins, facepainting, spot the ghost games, arts and crafts and more at **Xscape** from 2-4pm every day until Sunday.

For some frightfully good fun join The Parks Trust rangers for a Hallowe'en Tricks and Treats event on tomorrow.

As well as games and craft activities, visitors can take along their own pumpkin and get tips and hints on carving before joining in with a festive parade through the Shenley Wood.

This children's event takes place from 10am to noon and costs £3. Booking is essential. Visit www.theparkstrust.com or call 01908 255379.

Have a haunted Hallowe'en at **Woburn Abbey** throughout half-term.

Up until Sunday visitors of all ages can take part in a Hallowe'en treasure hunt, listen to some spooky storytelling every day from noon to 2pm, or make their own witches hat and conjure up some magical spells.

Tickets cost £14 for adults, £7 for children (three to 15) and £12.50 for concessions. The abbey is open from 11am-5pm.

Prepare to be terrified in the treetops as Willen Lake's **Aerial Extreme** high ropes course opens for one night only from 8pm tomorrow. Tickets cost £20 for children and £25 for adults. Call 0845 652 1736 to book your place.

Dobbies Garden Centre is opening its doors to the creepiest kids in town.

From 4.30-6.30pm tomorrow there will be fearsomely good food, ghoulish games and eerie activities.

There will even be a fancy dress competition with a prize for the scariest costume.

Tickets cost £7.95 and can be bought at the store in Belvedere Lane, Watling Street.

Witches, zombies and ghosts are all invited to attend a spooky Hallowe'en party at **M Champagne & Cocktail Lounge** in The Hub. It will be a night of hair-raising thrills, trick or treats and a variety of traditional games, including apple bobbing. The party tomorrow is free and guests are encouraged to dress up and enjoy some special spooky cocktails.

Join the ghoulish fun at **Gulliver's Land** with its Trick and Treat Week until Sunday.

Activities include Leonard's Scare School, a wicked fancy dress party, a trick and treat trail, Percy's Pumpkin Patch Olympics and Ellie's Hallowe'en Crafty Corner.

Attractions will be in categories of scariness. Children in fancy dress will get £1 off admission if they arrive before 2pm and the chance to enter a fancy dress competition. The park is open from 10.30am-5pm and tickets cost £15.95 per person. To book visit www.gulliversfun.co.uk.

House of horrors: Hallowe'en will be celebrated at Woburn Abbey with activities held until Sunday

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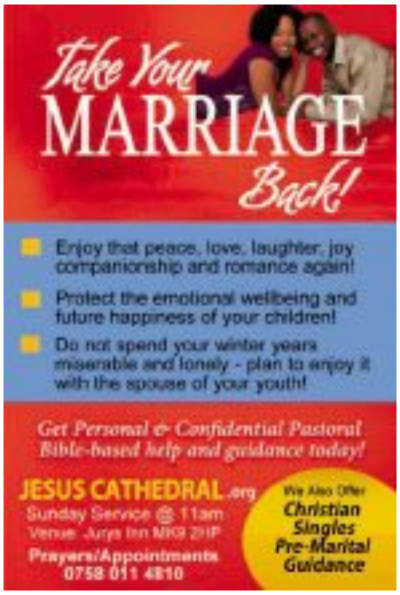

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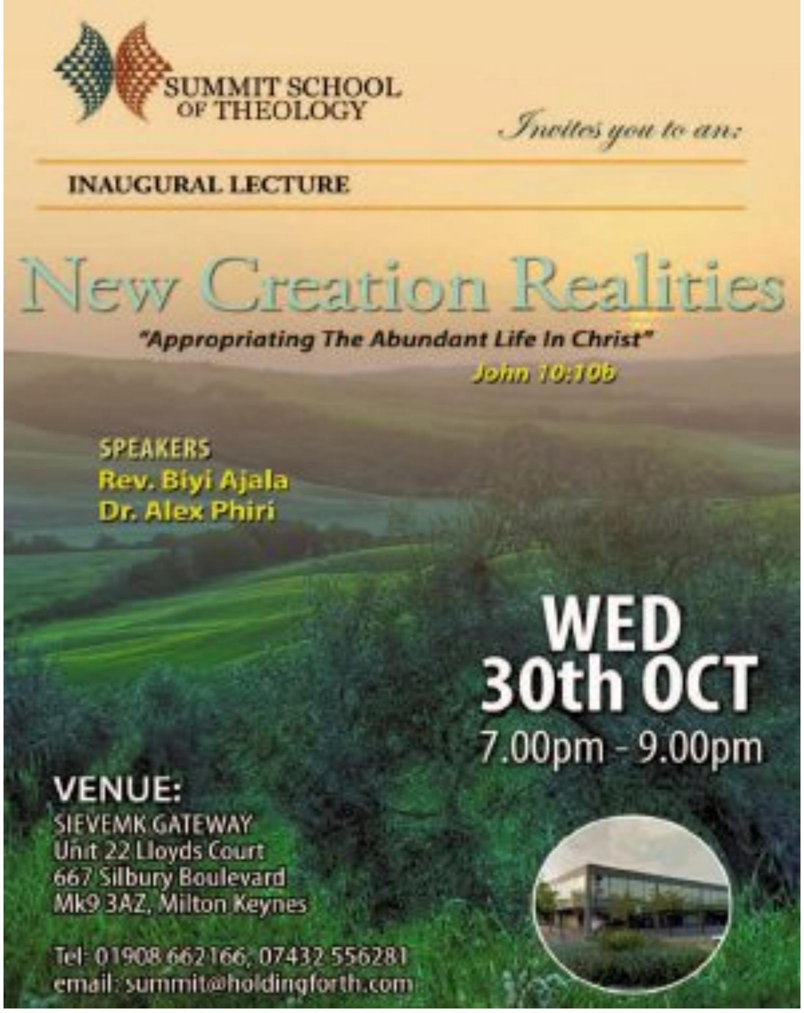

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paulawilcox

AS MK LIFE speaks to accomplished actor Paula Wilcox, she remembers appearing in Milton Keynes – but not what part she was playing.

It's probably okay to let her off, she's played hundreds of characters ranging from Miss Havisham to Bette Davis.

Her latest character is Lil in Kindertransport, which is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre this week. The play is centred on the traumatic time of thousands of Jewish children when they were ferried away from their parents on the Kindertransport to safety in Britain, as the clouds of World War II thicken.

"Lil is a Mancunian mother who takes in Eva, a nine-year-old girl who has been evacuated," says Paula.

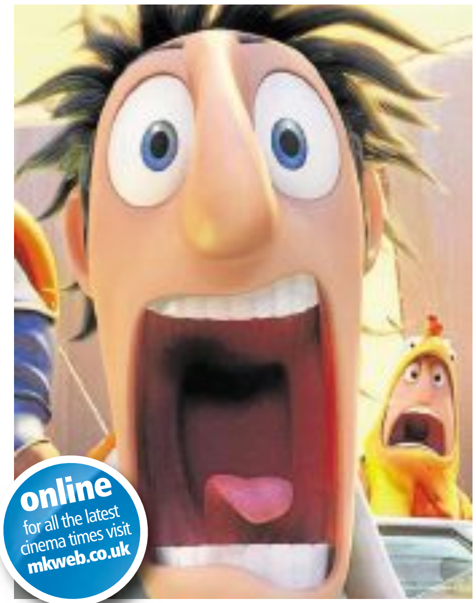
"She's a salt-of-the-earth character, and being from Manchester myself I didn't have to brush up on the accent!

"This is a fabulous play for me to be in. Nothing would have stopped me taking this role."

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Kindertransport rescue mission.

This play of the same name is the perfect way to remember such a moment of history.

The show runs from Monday to Saturday, and tickets cost from £16.90-£32.40 on www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes



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surrealinsanity

PLEASING to look at, if a bit hit and miss, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 manages to retain the original's charm.

Inventor Flint Lockwood is approached by his idol Chester V, to rescue his home, Swallow Falls, from the food animals that have now overrun it. As our mis-matched gang make their way through the food jungle, every inch is packed with crazy creations, from "shrimpanzees" and "tacodiles" plus a few memorable favourites including Barry, an overly cute strawberry. Imaginations have run wild in this fun sequel and what it lacks in a strong story, it more than makes up in stunning scenery and plain good fun.

There's plenty of surreal insanity for you to sink your teeth into and kids will love the colourful characters in this second helping, with the occasional witty puns adding flavour for adults too.

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kitchencapers

BAKING is something I have zero experience with, but all you novices should give it a go, writes Scott Kirk**.**

It was far more stressful than it should have been, but the pleasure I got from eating something I had made from scratch made me feel rather proud!

It was my girlfriend's birthday, so rather than go for something simple, I went for an almond, cherry and chocolate cake.

It was meant to be a 90 minute recipe, so you can imagine what I was thinking when I finally managed to put the cake in the oven three hours later.

The presentation left a lot to be desired, but as far as I'm concerned it's all about the taste. And against all odds, it actually tasted very good.

Making a birthday cake is so much more personal than simply buying one from a shop, and even if it doesn't look the best, the person you're making it for will appreciate your cake a lot more.

So don your apron and get in the kitchen!

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617squadron

EXPERIENCE the remarkable story of the Dambusters Raid with activities to mark its 70th anniversary.

Visitors can see if they would have the skills to be in the 617 squadron at IWM Duxford.

The museum is open from 10am-4pm, with activities running from 11am-3pm. Adult tickets cost £17.50 but children aged 15 can enter for free.

busybees

A FREE screening of More Than Honey, a new documentary by Oscar-nominated Markus Imhoof, will take place on Sunday.

The multi-award winning film tells a provocative, yet touching tale of what might happen if our bees became extinct. The screening is in support of the Plan Bee and Bee Cause campaigns. To book your place at the screening, taking place from 3pm, call 01908 361500, or visit www.s.coop/oney

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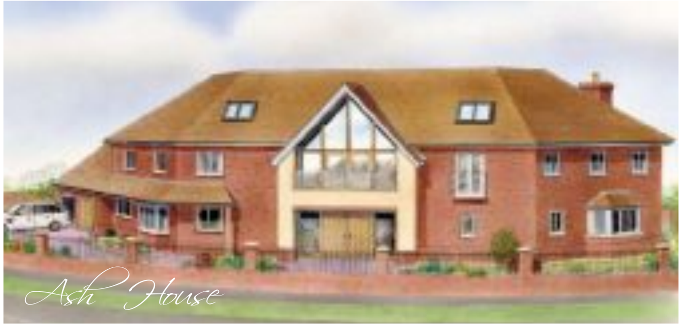

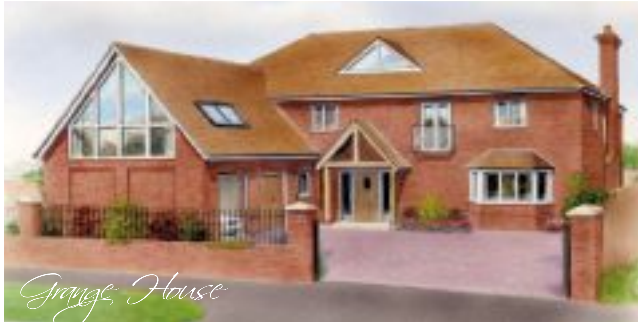

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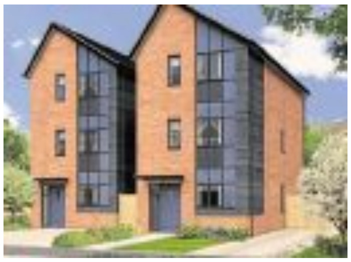

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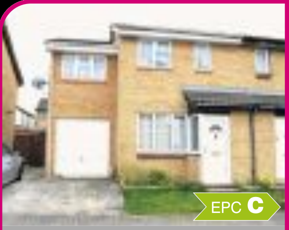

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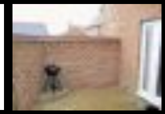

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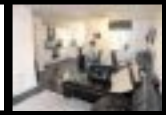

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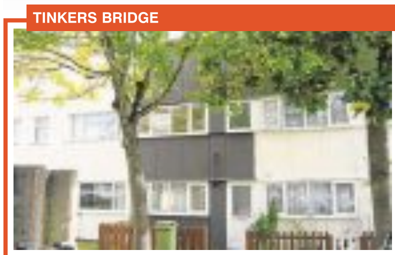

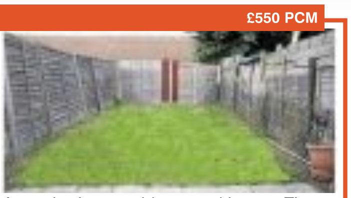

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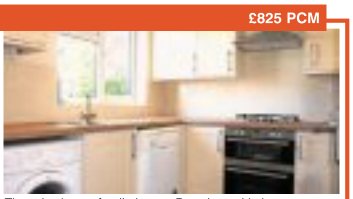

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (DENBIGH ROAD (PART), DENBIGH WEST, BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Denbigh Road, Denbigh West, Bletchley, Milton Keynes from its junction with Granby Roundabout for a distance of approximately 50 metres in a south-easterly direction, whilst essential repair works are carried out to a burst water main. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm on Sunday 10 November 2013 inclusive.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via the H10 Bletcham Way, Watling Street and Denbigh Road, Bletchley.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The applicant will notify all affected residents of the forthcoming closure at lease 1 week prior to the works taking place.

The proposed order will come into operation on 10 November 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

30 October 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WOOD STREET (PART), WOBURN SANDS) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than 7 days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because essential repair works are to be carried out to a burst water main. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding along that length of Wood Street, Woburn Sands from its junction with Theydon Avenue for a distance of approximately 20 metres in a southerly direction. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from Monday 11 November 2013 to Wednesday 13 November 2013 for 24 hours each day.

The alternative route will be via Theydon Avenue, Station Road, Chapel Street and Wood Street, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being used for operational purposes.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The applicant will notify all affected residents in advance of works taking place.

The proposed order will come into operation on 11 November 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (DULVERTON DRIVE (PART), FURZTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Dulverton Drive, Furzton, Milton Keynes from its junction with Carhampton Court and Luccombe to its junction with Dunster Court whilst reconstruction works are carried out to the existing speed tables. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 9.00 am on Monday 11 November 2013 until 8.00 pm on Friday 22 November 2013.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via Dulverton Drive, then the V3 Fulmer Street, Blackmoor Gate and on to Dulverton Drive, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

Access to residential properties within the affected length of road will be maintained throughout the closure.

The proposed order will come into operation on 11 November 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES - ALTERATIONS TO WAITING AND PARKING CONTROLS FOR ON AND OFF-STREET PARKING IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES - OCTOBER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 29th October 2013, made six Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in relation to Central Milton Keynes. The Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, will vary existing parking restrictions and introduce new parking and waiting restrictions, and will affect all classes of motor vehicles. The Orders will have the following effects within the roads or parts of the roads and off street car parking areas within Central Milton Keynes as stated below:-

The reduction of some premium rate pay and display parking bays along part of Silbury Boulevard;

Additional standard rate pay and display parking bays on parts of Silbury Boulevard, Avebury Boulevard, Midsummer Boulevard, Grafton Park, Grafton Gate, Lower Second Street, Lower Third Street and Lower Fourth Street;

The removal of 2 hour limited waiting with no return within 2 hours restriction between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm every day of the week within the combined free and electric vehicle parking places along part of Midsummer Boulevard;

The introduction of some combined free, and electric vehicle parking places with a maximum period for free parking of 3 hours with no return within 2 hours between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm every day of the week along part of Midsummer Boulevard;

The removal of the 2 hour limited waiting restriction on parts of Avebury Boulevard;

The removal of some standard rate pay and display parking bays on part of Lower Twelfth Street;

The introduction of some free parking places with a maximum period for free parking of 30 minutes limited waiting no return within 1 hour between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm every day of the week along part of Lower Twelfth Street;

The introduction of 2 disabled persons' parking bays on part of Lower Twelfth Street;

Additional disabled persons' parking places along parts of Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard;

The introduction of off-street pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm every day of the week except bank holidays within the following off-street car parks located in the following roads within Central Milton Keynes:- South Sixth Street and Secklow Gate;

The introduction of off-street pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places between the hours of 8.30am and 6.00pm every day of the week except bank holidays within the following off-street car parks located in the following roads within Central Milton Keynes:- South Second Street and Lower Fourth Street;

The charge for parking in the off-street car parks stated above will be 40p per hour up to a maximum charge of £1.60 for four hours or more;

The introduction of off-street long stay pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm every day of the week except bank holidays within the following off-street car parks located in the following roads within Central Milton Keynes:- Grafton Gate and Elder Gate, located to the rear of Elder House. The charges for parking in the long stay off-street car parks will be £8.00 for pay and display parking for the maximum permitted period of 24 hours and £8.00 for each successive period of 24 hours and £4.00 for pay by mobile phone parking for the maximum permitted period of 24 hours and £4.00 for each successive period of 24 hours;

The introduction of 46 disabled persons' parking places within the following off-street car parks located in the following roads within Central Milton Keynes:- Secklow Gate West (34 spaces) and South Second Street (12 spaces).

The Orders will come into effect on the 4th November 2013.

All classes of vehicle are affected by the Orders. Exemptions from some of these restrictions include: emergency services vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons' badge holders, mopeds, motorcycles and some others.

Copies of each of the Orders as made along with maps showing the affected roads may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes during normal opening hours. Please quote reference WL-P&E-007855-TRO-2226.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Titles of Orders

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Free and Electric Vehicle Parking Places) Order 2013) Variation Order 2013

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Free and Limited Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2002) Variation Order 2013

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Specific and Permit Parking Places) Order 2002) Variation Order (No.2) 2013

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On–Street Premium Rate and Long Stay Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone Parking Places) Order 2002) Variation Order (No.2) 2013

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (On–Street Standard Rate Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone Parking Places and Various Permits) Order 2002) Variation Order (No.2) 2013

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) (Off-Street Pay and Display and Pay By Mobile Phone Parking Places and Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, NEWPORT PAGNELL) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along some lengths of Linford Avenue, Portfields Road and the access road leading to the local shops and Abbotts Wood, Newport Pagnell.

An extension of the existing no waiting at any time restrictions along part of Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell.

The classes of vehicle affected by the proposed Order are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from the proposed Order include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 20th November 2013 quoting reference WL/P&E/8111/TRO/2244.

30th October 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (SKELDON GATE, OVERGATE, MARLBOROUGH GATE, ENMORE GATE, KENWOOD GATE AND PARTS OF AVEBURY BOULEVARD, SILBURY BOULEVARD, V8 MARLBOROUGH STREET, MIDSUMMER BOULEVARD, H5 PORTWAY, V10 BRICKHILL STREET AND H6 CHILDS WAY, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the annual Central Milton Keynes firework display 2013 takes place, the temporary restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on the 31st October 2012, under Section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be extended beyond the dates previously notified.

TAKE NOTICE that the temporary restrictions will recommence during the hours stated below on Sunday 3rd November 2013, whilst the Central Milton Keynes fireworks display takes place. However, if there is inclement weather forecast over this period the fireworks display will take place on either Saturday 2nd November 2013 or Monday 4th November 2013 and the same restrictions will apply during the hours stated as detailed below. The Order affects all classes of vehicle and has the following effects:-

No vehicles shall be permitted to enter, proceed along or wait in Avebury Boulevard from Bankfield Roundabout to Glebe Roundabout between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm.

No vehicles shall be permitted to enter, proceed along or wait in the following roads between the hours of 6.00pm and 10.00pm:-
The whole of Skeldon Gate and Enmore Gate and Marlborough Gate, Overgate, southbound carriageway only, from its junction with H5 Portway at North Overgate Roundabout to its junction with H6 Childs Way at South Overgate Roundabout, except for access to the disabled parking facilities at the Campbell Park Pavillion.
Overgate will be open to northbound traffic from its junction with H6 Childs Way at South Overgate Roundabout.
Silbury Boulevard from its junction with North Thirteenth Street to its junction with Cricket Green Roundabout except for access for authorised vehicles and disabled parking at the Campbell Park Pavillion.
Midsummer Boulevard from its junction with Theatre Walk to its junction with Marlborough Gate.
Avebury Boulevard from its junction with Theatre Walk to its junction with Marlborough Gate.
The link road joining Marlborough Gate between Bankfield Roundabout and the Xscape Complex, except for access for Xscape maintenance vehicles.

Alternative routes for traffic will be via the H5 Portway and H6 Childs Way.

No vehicles proceeding along H6 Childs Way shall be permitted to enter Kenwood Gate at its junction with Childs Way, between the hours of 6.00pm and 10.00pm, however, traffic will be allowed to egress from Kenwood Gate into Childs Way.

No vehicles shall be permitted to exceed 30 mph along H6 Childs Way from Woolstone Roundabout to Springfield Roundabout, along V10 Brickhill Street from Pagoda Roundabout to Woolstone Roundabout, along A509/H5 Portway from Belvedere Roundabout to Pagoda Roundabout and along the V8 Marlborough Street from Belvedere Roundabout to Springfield Roundabout, between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm.

No authorised vehicles shall be permitted to exceed 20 mph along Silbury Boulevard from Campbell Park Roundabout to Cricket Green Roundabout, along Overgate between North Overgate Roundabout and Cricket Green Roundabout and along the whole length of Skeldon Gate between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm.

Police officers may vary or extend the above restrictions and their times of operation should any unforeseen circumstance arise which might compromise the safety of the public.

Vehicular access to some residential properties in Campbell Park will be maintained for residents between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Diversion routes will be displayed where appropriate. There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties, vehicles being used in connection with the organising of the firework display and Milton Keynes Council salt spreading vehicles.

The Order came into operation on Saturday 3rd November 2012 and will be in effect for a maximum period of 18 months or until the likelihood of danger to the public no longer exists.

Any person committing a breach of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

30th October 2013

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/02168/FUL	Proposed tiled roof to existing conservatory at 1 Lace Mews, Olney
13/02189/FUL	Two storey side extension and porch at 6 Hopkins Close, Milton Keynes Village
13/02215/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Silver Birch tree at 1 Western Road, Wolverton
13/02217/TPO	Crown reduce by 40%, remove dead wood, and remove selected secondary branches from lower crown of 1x Chestnut tree (T4); reduce overhang to North Street by 3-4m of 3x Chestnut trees (T1-T3) at March House, North Street, Castlethorpe
13/02219/FUL	Change of use from retail (use class A1) to dental practice (use class D1) at 9 Cofferidge Close, Stony Stratford
13/02224/LBC	Listed building consent for internal alterations, repairs to windows and replacement front door (retrospective) at 112 High Street, Stony Stratford
13/02228/TCA	Notification of intention to re-pollard 22 Lime trees at Newport Pagnell Bowls Club at Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell
13/02232/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to remove overhanging branches of one Poplar tree at 6 Travis Grove, Bletchley
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/02178/FUL	First floor rear extension and internal works at 16 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford
13/02179/LBC	Listed building consent for first floor rear extension and internal works at 16 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford
13/02233/FUL	Amendments to roof lantern, rainwater goods, conservatory roof, garages and boiler flue previously granted under application 12/00997/FUL (retrospective) at 20 London Road, Stony Stratford
13/02234/LBC	Listed building consent for amendments to roof lantern, rainwater goods, conservatory roof, garages and boiler flue previously granted under application 12/00998/LBC (retrospective) at 20 London Road, Stony Stratford
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
13/01667/TCA	Notification of intention to remove deadwood in upper canopy and remove epicormic growth at base of x2 Lime trees (T1 and T2), undertake end weight reduction on limbs and branches identified as liable to fail up to 25% or 2m on average and reshape canopy of x1 Beech (T3) at The New Rectory, 81 High Street, Newport Pagnell

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

13/02153/OUT	Outline planning permission for up to 37 dwellings at 82-84 Newport Road, New Bradwell

NICK FENWICK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 123(1), (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of a parcel of land which consists of or forms part of open space land situated adjacent to Hadrians Drive Bancroft Milton Keynes.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 13th November 2013.

A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

30th October 2013

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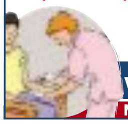

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For informal enquiries, please contact Zoe Vaughan or Mark Hutton on 01908253159.

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EMA Consultant

Soulbury (10-13) + 1 SPA **Ref: 50020299**
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For informal enquiries, please contact Linda Bartlett on 01908 254953 or Janet Gleghorn on 01908 270409.

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£53,554 - £59,749 **Ref: 50018474**

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For informal enquiries, please contact Cheryl Eyre on 01908 254419.

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Library Customer Assistant (10 hours per week)

Grade 3: £13,589 - £16,054 pro rata **Ref: 50019379**

If you're free to work lunchtimes and Saturday mornings, you could join the dedicated team at Woburn Sands Library. It's an opportunity to tackle a range of library duties, from dealing with customers at the counter, to returning stock to shelves. You'll also be expected to promote activities such as storytime and to create displays. To join us, you must understand how a library works be IT-literate and good with people, you'll be an asset to our team.

For informal enquiries, please contact Viv Tole on 01908 372797.

Library Customer Counter Assistant (4 hours per week)

Grade 2: £12,145 - £13,874 pro rata **Ref: 50019037**

Milton Keynes Central Library is one of the busiest public libraries in England. In this key role, you will be on the frontline, dealing with customers and tackling a range of responsibilities. These range from counter duty to returning stock to shelves. To join us, you must be good with people and familiar with how a library works. You must also be IT-literate. If you're fit, helpful and approachable, you could join our team, working on Saturday morning shifts.

For informal enquiries, please contact Hugh Tole on 01908 254050.

Social Work Assistant (fixed term contract to September 2014)

Grade 6: £20,858 - £25,472 **Ref: 50020492**

As part of our Children with Disabilities team, you will help us provide a social care service for children and young people with severe disabilities. You will work with parents and carers, supporting them while they care for their disabled child. Your work could range from working with children in their homes to improve their behaviour, to liaising with schools and health professionals. To join us, you must have experience (paid or voluntary) of working with children, young people and their families. You should also be able to work as part of a team and ready to listen, observe and interact in a supportive way.

For informal enquiries, please contact Mandy Fell on 01908 253557 or Jeremy Taylor on 01908 253267.

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Specialist Teacher – SEN & ICT

TPS/UPS + 1 or 2 SEN points **Ref: 50017903**
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You will need to possess strong interpersonal skills and enjoy working within a team.

Interviews will be held in November.

For informal enquiries, please contact Sue Morgan on 01908 2257836.

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Specialist Teaching Assistant

£17,802 - £21,519 pro rata **Ref: 50017860**
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Closing date 10th November 2013

For informal enquiries please contact Sarah Pike on 01908 254339 or Jennie Whelan on 01908 657824

Support Worker (20 hours per week)

Grade 1: £12,312 - £12,145 pro rata **Ref: 50011112**

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

The Christian Foundation is growing people and communities through social enterprise. The enterprises work to change the world by reducing and utilising waste, growing and cooking healthy food, creating community spaces and energy and supporting families to play and grow together. Our enterprises include unemployed young people and volunteers looking for a different way to learn and develop.

Milton Keynes Christian Foundation is a registered charity no: 293546

Growing people and communities through social enterprise

Foundation Family Centre Manager (FT £21-23k)

The Christian Foundation is developing Foundation House as a centre for the whole community with a particular focus on families and children. To help us expand our activities we are seeking an experienced childcare manager with NVQ level 4 in childcare or equivalent to manage our Childcare Pathways enterprise, develop our crèches and play-schemes, deliver training to parents and increase the use of our centre in response to community needs. Young people on a pre-apprenticeship programme play a significant role in the development and delivery of all our activities, so the successful applicant will be responsible for overseeing their training and helping them to build their childcare and employability skills.

We are committed to safeguarding children and young people. Successful candidates will require an enhanced DBS check.

The Foundation values diversity and welcomes applications from all sections of the community, from people of all faiths and none.

For a recruitment pack, phone (01908 311112) or email vacancies@mkchristianfoundation.co.uk
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For an application pack visit **www.marstonvale.org/jobs** or call **01234 767037** (**Mon-Fri only**).

For an informal chat about this role, call James Russell, Forest Director on **01234 762607**.

Closing date: 15th November
Interviews: week commencing 25th November

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For further information about the position and an application pack, please contact Mrs Lynne Tipping by email: ltipping@thorntoncollege.com.

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For further details and an application pack for both roles please visit our website: www.springfieldlower.org.uk

Alternatively please contact Mr Richard Benson on tel: 01234 306000 or email: spring@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

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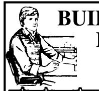

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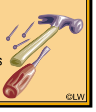

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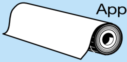

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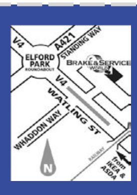

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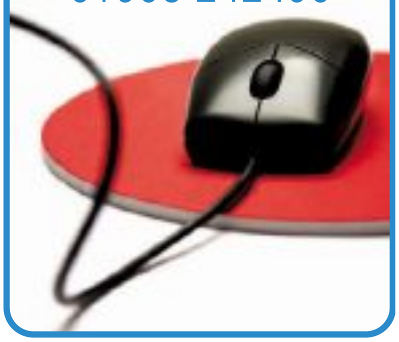

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town picked up their second United Counties League Premier Division win of the season after seeing off fellow strugglers Holbeach United 3-1.

Jamie Nicholls put Newport in front after 28 minutes and it was 2-0 a minute later when Joel McCormick doubled the lead.

McCormick netted again in the final minute of the first period but he missed his chance of a hat-trick early in the second half when he had a penalty saved.

Tom Waumsley reduced the arrears after 54 minutes but Holbeach were reduced to ten men shortly afterwards and Craig Ralph sealed the Swans success after 72 minutes.

In Division One Olney Town won 3-1 midweek at home to Potton United.

But a late goal against Irchester meant a 2-1 defeat on Saturday, despite taking the lead through Sam O'Neill on the hour mark.

With 13 minutes left Ryan Lovell put Irchester on terms, and four minutes later Craig Jackson won it for the Romans.

Stony Stratford Town lost 6-1 at Amersham Town in Division One of the Spartan South Midlands Football League despite taking a second minute lead through McLanahan.

Amersham were 2-1 up at half time but they ran riot in the second half.

In Division Two a Jamie Risebrow hat-trick gave Wolverton Town a 3-1 victory at Grendon Rangers even though Cameron MacPherson had the home side 1-0 up after eight minutes.

Willen lost 5-1 at Brimsdown. Karl Ainsley had the visitors 1-0 up after 10 minutes but Tom Simmons bagged a brace before half time, and Brimsdown added three more in the second half.

All the goals came in the last 15 minutes in Old Bradwell United's 2-1 defeat to Tring Corinthians. Lewis Gray's 75th minute penalty put Old Bradwell ahead but another penalty from Mickey Swaysland two minutes later put Tring on level terms.

And Stephen Harris scored with four minutes remaining to give Corinthians the win.

It is beginning to hot up at the top of the New City Heating MK Sunday League Premier with three of the top four winning.

Leaders Scot Wharfside Electrical beat Garage MK 6-3, while Stony Stratford defeated fellow high flyers Punjab by four goals without reply.

Second placed New Bradwell downed Willen 7-2, and traditional slow starters Olney Town scored the only goal of the match against a disappointing Caz Bar side. RJFitness defeated Inter Faith in a close fought encounter.

In Division One the Open University ensured they kept their top spot by defeating Stoke Hammond. Stanton Manor were victors over New City Saints in a nine goal thriller. Dark horses Swanfica scored seven without reply against Buckingham A and in the basement battle, Western gained the points against Padbury.

Bucks Biz maintained their 100 per cent record in Division Two with a fine victory over Stantonbury Social Elite, while Bletchley Wanderers remain hot on their heels following a 3-1 victory over Southcott B.

FOOTBALL

Keeper Jay Bazzone is among 360 amateur footballers shortlisted in a nationwide search that will see three of them win professional playing contracts at Football League clubs.

Jay, 16, from Bletchley will now take part in first round of trials in the Samsung Win A Pro Contract competition that could see him sign for Swindon Town, Wycombe Wanderers or Leyton Orient.

More than 5,700 players from all over the country entered the competition.

Other players progressing are keeper Aaron Halai, 18, from Bletchley and striker Olaide Yinka-Kehinde, 19, from Netherfield.

Robbo insists door is not shut on Flanagan

Incredulous: MK Dons manager Karl Robinson still cannot believe his side lost in an enthralling game against Tranmere Rovers on Saturday

MK DONS manager Karl Robinson says the door is far from shut on Tom Flanagan's career at MK Dons.

Jordan Spence was brought in on an emergency one-month loan last week after a string of nervous performances from Flanagan, but Robinson still believes the young centre back is a key Dons figure.

However Robinson did say that a run out of the team will benefit the centre back.

"Maybe he needs time away from the first team and time to get himself right on the training pitch," said Robinson.

"I've still got tremendous faith in Tom. I really like him as a defender and he has all the attributes to be a very good footballer but he's having a bad time and I had to do something to put it right.

"The door will never be shut on Tom Flanagan."

Robinson admitted he was still shocked at how his side failed to beat Tranmere Rovers.

"We've looked back at Saturday's game and the result wasn't right.

"It was almost the perfect away performance."

A positive for Robinson was that referee Steven Rushton will not officiate on Saturday.

The Dons manager was not happy with an offside given against Jason Banton with the score at 2-1 to Dons, despite a Tranmere defender glancing the ball forward with his head.

The player himself was shocked at the decision, which would have left Patrick Bamford with a simple tap-in after the winger had drawn the keeper out.

Robinson was told that the Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL) have taken him off games because of the mistake.

"The PGMOL have been magnificent and they're going to use that clip at a referee's convention about what not to do.

"That gives me an awful lot of heart that the referees are trying to get it right.

"If he gets that right, we're in the top six so some things are just out of your control."

Dons entertain Walsall on Saturday, where it is the Armed Forces Big Day, meaning that serving members of the military get in for free and ex-forces people can get a discount.

Spence up for playing MK way

JORDAN Spence says MK Dons were an exception to his desire to come out on loan to a team other than in the Championship.

The 23-year-old has signed on a one-month loan, and after completing his first training session last Thursday, he was drafted straight into the first team squad for the trip to Tranmere Rovers on Saturday.

He played for Sheffield Wednesday in September, where he made four appearances, but he said the opportunity to play in the MK Dons style was too good to miss.

"It's a very good team to play football for and hopefully we can get a result against Walsall on Saturday," said Spence, who can also play at right back.

This year, first team football is key for the defender, who has made seven appearances for West Ham United and enjoyed loan spells at Leyton Orient, Scunthorpe United and Bristol City in the past.

He felt he spent too much time on the Hammers bench last season, and wants a consistent run of games under his belt.

"My priority has been to play first-team football," he said.

"I've made no secret about wanting to play in the Championship having been there and played there before but MK Dons comes as one of those exceptions because of the manner of the football club and the potential they have.

"I've spent too long not playing football consistently although I had a good month at Sheffield Wednesday and I think I can improve any team.

"I wouldn't be here if I wasn't a player who didn't like the ball at my feet because I don't think one would last here if you couldn't do that side of things."

MK Dons Head of Coaching GARY WADDOCK writes exclusively for MK News every week

THE FA Cup draw was made on Sunday and it's always good to be given a home tie.

You always look for that home game and we've got that in FC Halifax Town a week on Saturday.

They'll be difficult opposition and it'll be a big occasion for them.

We have to make sure we arrive when the game comes around and make sure we turn up with the right attitude.

There are upsets in the cup along the way and that's why the FA Cup is such a good competition, but we have to make sure that an upset doesn't happen to us.

It's good to see Aldershot in the FA Cup still - a team I used to manage and where I had a really good time.

I always look out for their results and it's been disappointing for them with the points deduction and relegation and their financial difficulties but hopefully they can go on a good cup run.

Any kind of cup run helps with the financial side of the club but the FA Cup is the one that stands out.

Meanwhile at the weekend against Tranmere the performance was there for everyone to see and it is mistakes which have cost us.

We're in a little run and you get spells like this during a season.

Obviously we want to get out of that run as quickly as possible and everybody is working hard to turn it around.

Injuries have been bad but we're not looking for excuses and we play Walsall on Saturday knowing that they are a good side.

They've done very well so far and we know that we're not too far away from the playoffs, so if we beat them we can close that gap.

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LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Leyton Orient	14	6	1	0	17	5	5	1	1	16	6	22	35
Wolves	13	5	1	1	14	5	5	1	0	11	3	17	32
Peterborough	14	5	1	1	8	4	5	1	1	16	5	15	32
Preston	14	3	3	1	11	8	4	2	1	11	7	7	26
Brentford	14	4	1	2	8	5	3	2	2	11	12	2	24
Bradford	14	4	1	2	15	6	2	3	2	9	8	10	22
Walsall	14	2	2	3	7	10	4	2	1	10	4	3	22
Swindon	14	5	1	1	15	7	1	1	5	9	11	6	20
Port Vale	14	3	2	2	10	10	3	0	4	9	9	0	20
Rotherham	14	2	3	2	9	11	3	2	2	10	9	-1	20
DONS	14	4	2	1	14	8	1	2	4	9	12	3	19
Crawley	13	4	1	2	10	10	1	3	2	8	9	-1	19
Coventry	14	5	1	1	19	14	3	2	2	12	8	9	17
Colchester	14	2	3	2	6	8	1	4	2	7	10	-5	16
Carlisle	13	2	0	4	6	15	2	3	2	7	9	-11	15
Oldham	13	3	2	2	8	6	1	0	5	8	13	-3	14
Stevenage	14	2	1	4	9	11	2	1	4	6	10	-6	14
Shrewsbury	14	2	4	1	8	5	0	3	4	5	11	-3	13
Gillingham	14	2	2	3	8	9	1	1	5	9	15	-7	12
Sheffield Utd	14	3	2	2	9	7	0	1	6	4	14	-8	12
Tranmere	14	1	2	4	9	19	2	1	4	5	9	-14	12
Crewe	14	2	2	3	8	15	1	1	5	4	16	-19	12
Bristol City	13	0	3	3	6	11	1	3	3	14	15	-6	9
Notts County	13	2	0	4	8	7	0	1	6	6	17	-10	7

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ICE HOCKEY

Change in seating

Action from MK v Sheffield Steeldogs. Picture: Jez Tibbetts

FANS watching MK Lightning will be put together in one area to make for a better atmosphere at the Coventry Skydome.

So far this season, fans have been able to sit around the rink, but it is hoped that by putting fans along one side, the atmosphere will be intensified.

Fans with season tickets in other areas have been asked to consider moving, and supporters who prefer to stand at the plexi to view a game are unaffected.

Lightning's General Manager, Vito Rausa, said "The decision to concentrate the home support in blocks one to four will, we hope, intensify the terrific atmosphere that our supporters create, and mean that the team plays against an even noisier background than usual."

Head coach Nick Poole agreed with the plans.

"The fans have been great so far this season," said Poole.

"But it's a big rink so we want to create as much atmosphere as we can.

"The players feed off the fans so we're trying to re-create that Milton Keynes feel here."

Poole said he was disappointed to have lost against Sheffield Steeldogs on Saturday, but he was delighted with his side's response as they defeated Telford Tigers 6-2.

"We didn't take our chances on Saturday but I was really pleased with the response."

Captain Adam Carr is 50-50 to play in the games against Slough Jets and front-runners Manchester Phoenix at the weekend after injuring his groin.

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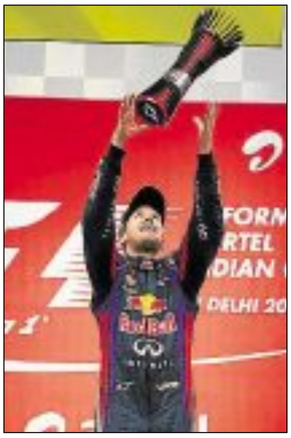
Is Vettel the greatest?



SEBASTIAN Vettel's fourth consecutive World Championship has heralded him as one of the greatest Formula One World champions of all time.

At the age of 26, he is the youngest to achieve four world titles in a row, and his latest accomplishment has led to him being compared to the greats of the sport.

He is being held among esteemed drivers such as Michael Schumacher, who won the title seven times, including five times consecutively.

Ayrton Senna, *pictured right*, Alain Prost, Juan Manuel Fangio and Jackie Stewart are among the other greats Vettel, *pictured left*, has been compared to.

Team principal Christian Horner hailed the German driver, saying: "For Sebastian to have joined the illustrious names of Fangio, Prost and Schumacher is an incredible achievement at such a young age and it's a privilege to work with him.

But we at MK NEWS and MKWeb want to hear about whether Vettel is the greatest of all time? Already people have been getting in touch with us with their views.

One person on MK Web said: "He's 26 and back-to-back world champion four years in a row and getting better!"

But another said: "He's just got a very good car and that's down to the team not an individual!"

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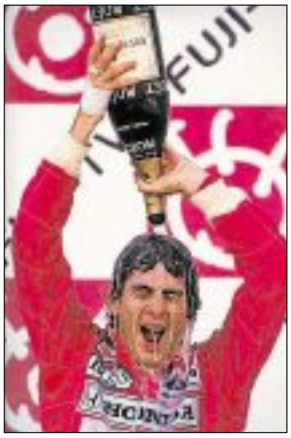

CYCLING

Stannard wants Tour de France 2014 spot

THE world's greatest bike race and the best riders in the world are coming to England next July and MK rider Ian Stannard is targetting a place in the Team Sky line-up, writes Gordon Wiseman.

The organisers of the Tour de France confirmed that the roads through Yorkshire and Essex will feature heavily when the route of next year's race was confirmed in Paris last week.

Yorkshire will host the Tour's 2014 Grand Départ and a pair of stages before the race goes to Cambridge ahead of a 159km journey through Essex.

The over 200 strong peloton sprints on the streets of the capital before it finishes in Westminster.

Although Stannard was brought up in and around London and started his racing career in Milton Keynes, he was born in Chelmsford and with the race surging through the Essex town, it adds further relevance for him.

But even though Ian has already savoured the intensity of racing in a team-winning Tour after this year's event – a massive achievement in his first attempt at the race - he knows he'll still have to fight for his place in next year's line-up.

Stage five will have caught Stannard's eye as he has always made known his lifelong dream of winning the greatest cobbled race, Paris – Roubaix.

"The chance to race in the Tour and in your own country is really very exciting" he said.

"There's always a buzz when we race in Britain but for that to also be in the Tour and through the town where I was born will be something else.

"I raced in the London Olympics last year and that was always going to be a unique opportunity for me but now I have just as big an incentive to try to get into our Tour squad again.

"It's certainly something I'd like to work towards."

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ATHLETICS

A QUIET week for Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club was highlighted by three wins in the Hazeley Cross Country Races for its members.

Finishing the Year 6/7 Girls' 1.6km race in first was Montana Edghill (Oakgrove) in 6m 21s, followed by Gemma Milne (Lord Grey) in fourth.

Another win came in the Year 8/9 Boys' event over 2.85km. Harvey Green (Oakgrove) crossed the line in 9m 48s with Amy Radford (Y11 Thornton) 10m 20s, and Charley Madgin (Hazeley) fourth.

Victory number three came in the Year 8/9 Girls, 1.9km race as Emma Mears (Oakgrove) finished in 6m 36s ahead of Jess Nuttall (Hazeley) in second.

Two Club members completed the fast Amsterdam Marathon with Martin Erasmus 848th (M45) having a consistent run.

He finished in 3h 12m 00s with 1,524th Fran Malin (F45) 3h 23m 52s across the line.

At the Luton Half Marathon Keith Brown was 36th, setting a new Personal Best of 94m 22s, with Paul Mason 45th.

RUGBY UNION

MILTON Keynes continue to top the Southern Counties North League thanks to a convincing 48-19 win over Royal Wootton Bassett.

It was City's strong running which Wootton Bassett couldn't deal with, allowing the backs in particular to break through their defence.

Kieran McConnell got the first try for MK, which were followed scores for Stuart Tomkinson, Ollie Fountain, Dan Pearson, David Brown, Rob Matthews and Ash Target as a dominant second half performance gave milton Keynes the win.

Bletchley are hot on their heels though after beating Drifters 44-18, and remain just one point behind neighbours Milton Keynes.

Olney picked up a 27-3 success at bottom of the table Northampton BBOB in their Midlands 2 East South division match.

KORFBALL

MK Bucks made a winning start to its South Midlands Korfball League title defence with a 15-8 win over MK Lakers on Wednesday at Courtside Bletchley on Sunday.

The losing side's female players starred on the day, providing seven of the team's eight goals, with Jeni Sanderson and new captain Nicki Studman chipping in with two goals apiece.

Both Lakers teams are in action this Sunday afternoon as Harrow Vultrix 2 visit Bletchley Leisure Centre for a double-header, playing Lakers Wednesday first before taking on the Monday squad in its first game of the season.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes men's hockey lost 9-0 at Staines at the weekend to remain second from bottom of the South Hockey League Premier.

Milton Keynes Ladies lost 2-0 at home to West Hampstead Ladies in South Clubs Division 3A, and also remain 11th in the table.

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Jordan Spence talks to us about life at MK Dons

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Awesome foursome for Red Bull

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MK-BASED Red Bull Racing and German superstar Sebastian Vettel celebrated the quadruple double at the Indian Grand Prix as both emerged with the Constructors Championship and World Drivers' title for the fourth year in a row.

It was easy enough for Vettel to reign supreme as he started on pole position, and after he dropped to 17th following a pit stop in just the second lap, Vettel eased up the field like a knife through butter to win the 2013 World Championship in style with three races to go.

A Milton Keynes-based celebration for Vettel and Red Bull's success has not been planned by the racing team yet, with the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix taking place this weekend and taking the attention of Red Bull for the next few days.

But speaking on his fourth straight world championship, Vettel said: "I crossed the line and I was empty.

"I took ages to think about something to say.

"It's been such a phenomenal season - the team and the spirit inside the team is so strong.

"I said it on the radio - it gives me so much power.

"The car was fantastic and I want to say a big thank you to the team."

And the Tilbrook-based team winning the title again was a great reflection on the people who live in the city, according to mayor Brian White.

He said: "What this win highlights is the skilled workforce that Milton Keynes has.

"We have the ability to work hard and it is those two things that make Red Bull such a formidable team."

And Red Bull team principal Christian Horner paid tribute to his entire Red Bull outfit, as well as Vettel of course.

"To achieve four double World Championships is the culmination of an enormous amount of dedication and commitment from the whole team.

"There are an awful lot of happy people in Milton Keynes.

"We've got three races to go and we're just going to go for it.

Adrian Newey, chief technical offficer at Red Bull and a legend in the sport for his continued success, thanked staff back at the base for their hard work in getting Red Bull the constructors championship.

"These four championships are a result of all the hard work, creativity and enthusiasm of everyone in Milton Keynes.

"The atmosphere we have in the team is very good, - we're just a straightforward team and we don't pretend to be anything we're not.

"It's a tribute to all the hard work, talent and focus of the guys and girls back in Milton Keynes."

It was disappointment again for Vettel's Australian teammate Mark Webber in India though. He was forced to retire on lap 40 after an alternator problem which could have damaged an engine.

He told BBC Sport that he felt there was a problem with the gearbox, but he felt that he could have done as much as he could and enjoyed the Indian Grand Prix.

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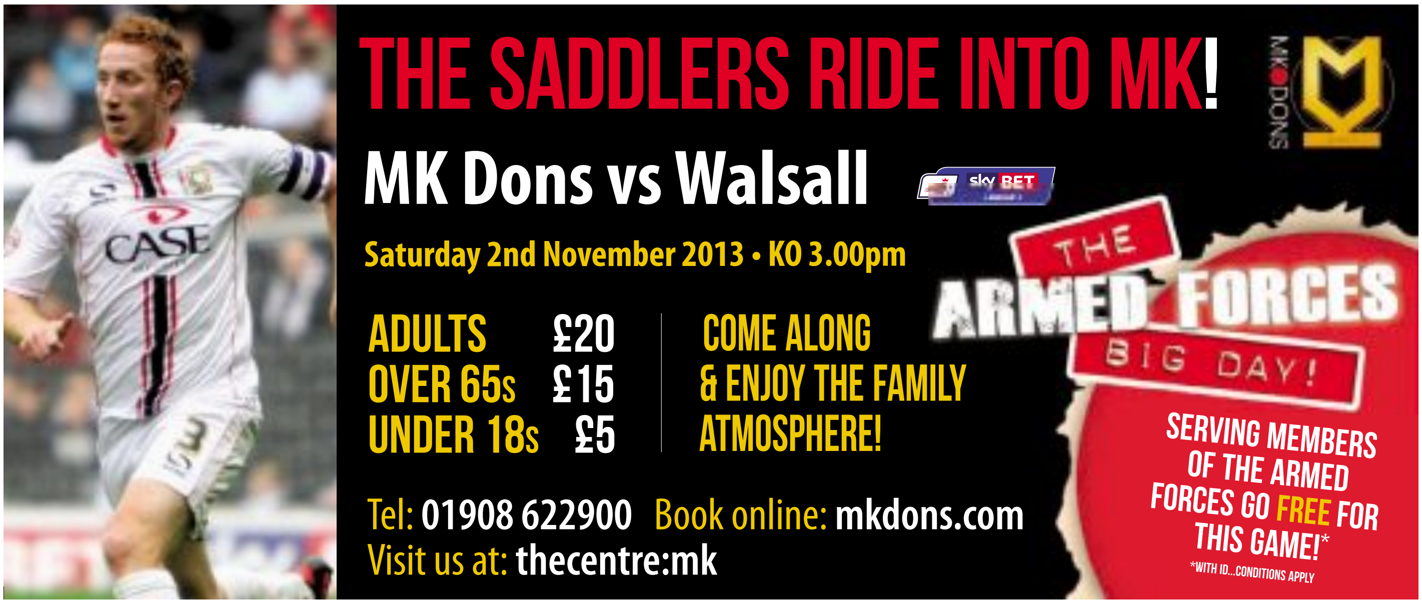
On top of the world again: Sebastian Vettel celebrates his fourth consecutive World Championship in style



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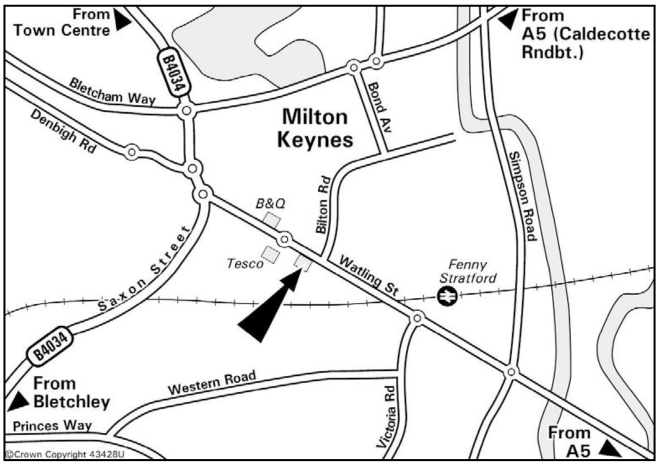
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